



NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 6th January 2025

PRESENT: Phill Crutcher (Chair), Bill Kear, Sarah Macdonald, John McKenzie -Sage,
Richard Tyson-Davies.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk, Ameeta Garga and 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllrs approved the Finance Committee Minutes dated 4th November, these will be signed at the next Full Parish Council meeting to be held on 13th January 2025.

4. REVIEW EXPENDITURE TO JANUARY 2025

Councillors reviewed and discussed all expenditure to date and made the following observations:

- CiL monies totalling approx. £6000 has been allocated to the installed VAS sign.
- Further clarification is required on who will meet the maintenance costs for the VAS sign and this is required in writing for clarity and the council records.
- SALC and NALC subscriptions annual membership appears high in relation to the precept received from MVDC. Clerk to investigate further.
- PAYE administration costs for one employee was discussed – in conclusion Councillors agreed to continue with current arrangement.
- Clerk currently uses a gifted printer – clerk to investigate other more compact options.
- Budget shows £350 towards a kissing gate – Bill Kear and William Harmsworth have personally met the cost of two new gates so monies will be removed from next budget.
- Replacement pads and new a battery for Defibrillator were purchased; therefore, budget allowed for next year will be reduced.
- Councillors agreed to continue to keep a sum of £500.00 in the budget for contingencies.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

Councillors discussed future projects and the amount of funding which could be reasonably allocated. This is wholly dependent on future income from the Precept and possible Community Infrastructure Levy. In conclusion, a funding amount of £1000.00 was agreed towards each project - Brickworks, Trig Street and the new Brocus footpath.

6. The Parish Council Precept figure is to be submitted to Mole Valley District Council by 13th January 2025. This represents the figure that forms part of the Council Tax paid by properties within the Parish. In the previous two years, councillors have not requested any increase to this figure. During discussions, it was agreed that a 5% increase would be applied for the budget period 2025 - 2026 to offset increases in natural running costs and to allow some room for the Parish Council to assist with future grants in the community. This represents an increase of £0.96 pence per year for properties in Band D. This decision will be discussed and shared with all councillors at the Full Council meeting to be held on Monday 13th January 2025.

Meeting Ended 8.28pm

Chairman..... Dated.....