

# Newdigate Parish Council

## Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 17 May at 8pm

**Present: Mr Bill Kear, Mr Phill Crutcher, Mr William Harmsworth, Mr Robin Gardner, the Clerk**

- 1 Apologies for absence: none.
- 2 Minutes of previous Finance Committee meeting had been agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 11 January 2021.
- 3 Matters arising: none.
- 4 Auditor's Report and Annual Governance Statements: The auditor's report had been circulated to the committee previously. There were no matters of concern raised in the report. The auditor had suggested that annual expenditure could be included on one document and posted onto the website for ease of reference.
- 5 To review income and expenditure and consider grant requests:
  - 5.1 Air Ambulance has asked all councils in Surrey, Sussex, and Kent if they would assist with the purchase of two ventilators for response cars. It was suggested that the PC should contribute £100.
  - 5.2 The Horticultural Society are undertaking planting in public spaces in Newdigate. It was suggested that the PC should contribute £100 towards this.
  - 5.3 Purchase of kissing gates was discussed and it was suggested that two should be ordered for the Brocus. The SCC grant of £740 will go towards the purchase, installation costs will vary according to individual site conditions. There can be further discussion about purchasing further gates when the total cost of purchase and installation of the two Brocus gates has been completed.
  - 5.4 A resident's suggestion that dog poo bags should be provided for dog owners using the Brocus was again discussed. The installation of a dispenser would be a one-off cost to the Parish Council, but the supply of bags would be an ongoing financial commitment. Costs obtained from Capel PC which has the dispensers on its recreation ground had previously been considered too high for Newdigate PC to undertake. It was suggested that further prices could be obtained for consideration at a future meeting.

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- 5.5 The training budget is £200 this year and Mulberry are offering different modules at £35 each. Three councillors had expressed an interest in some of the modules. The clerk was asked to check available dates and work out costs.
- 5.6 Reports had been received of children and dogs running from the recreation area up to the road at Kingsland. Mr Kear suggested a self-closing gate should be installed at the bottom of the ramp. It was suggested that a second gate could be installed halfway up the ramp at the side of the Sports and Social Club. Mr Harmsworth said he was finishing drawings for improving the ramp for disabled access and could include gates on the drawings.
- 5.7 It was agreed that an application should be made by the PC to the Gatwick Area Community Trust for a grant of £5,000. This would be used to provide safe access for all users, including elderly and disabled, to the sports and social club, the recreation facilities on the Brocus and the community centre.
- 6 Any other business: It was confirmed that an application to the NatWest bank to change over to online banking had been made. Online signatures had been requested. Mr Crutcher and Mr Harmsworth confirmed they had provided these and Mr Kear said he would deal with this on returning to his office.

The meeting ended at 8.40.

Signed ...W H Kear

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