

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

28th June 2023 - Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

MINUTES

Election of Chairman – Councillor C Carlisle Proposed Councillor R Davey, Councillor B Andrews Seconded - **Councillor R Davey Elected**

Election of Vice-Chairman - Councillor C Carlisle Proposed Councillor M Keeble, Councillor B Andrews Seconded - **Councillor M Keeble Elected**

To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) (LGA 1972) – Councillors R Smith, M Taylor-Cotter and J Cross

Declarations of Disclosable Interests regarding any of the items on the agenda (Localism Act 2011, ss.27-34 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464)) – **None**

Minutes of previous meeting (Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 41(1)) – **Noted** the minutes of the meeting on [20th October 2022](#) (approved at the full council meeting [8th November 2022 item 22.79](#))

Short adjournment for the public to address the Council regarding any matter on the agenda – No members of the public were present

Financial year 2022/23

- a) **Received** [final budget breakdown](#), [Statutory Income & Expenditure](#) and [Cash and Investment Reconciliation](#) – it was **Noted** that when the money in the Earmarked Reserves was used there was no surplus in the council's income to replace the reserves. General Reserves were also on the low end of acceptable and new income streams needed to be identified if future projects are to be considered.
- b) [Accounting Statements 2022/23](#) – **NOTED** that the accounting statements have been submitted to the external auditor and the Notice of Public Rights and [Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return](#) has been posted

Financial Year 2023/24 (current)

- a) **Received** an up-to-date report on [expenditure in comparison with budget](#) - it was **Noted** that insurance claims artificially increase both expenditure and income on the previous year figures.
- b) **Considered and Noted** [current general and earmarked reserves](#)
- c) To consider any further expenditure for the year 2023/24 –
 - **Councillor M Keeble Reported that Shere Village Hall Trustees have given the parish council a third of their new notice board for council notices free of charge – The Trustees were thanked by the committee and it was agreed that the old notice board in the car park will be removed.**
 - **Councillor B Andrews supported a donation to Friends of the Hurtwood; the grant application is on the 5th July Full Council Agenda.**

- Councillor C Carlisle asked for confirmation where the grant to Peaslake Village Hall Extension Fund was coming from and it was confirmed that £1,000 came from South West Funds and £2,000 from North Ward Funds. This was in recognition that the hall was a valuable asset to all residents of the parish.
- Councillor C Carlisle, on behalf of Boom Credit Union, thanked the parish council for continuing to hold funds in the Credit Union.
- It was Agreed that it was not the right time to consider solar panels for Tanyard Hall, as it is a listed building and the cost of the application was likely to be in excess of £2,000, with little confidence approval would be given. It was also noted the majority of electricity used was in the winter when the solar panels may only provide 20% of the power needed.

Date of next meeting - 7pm Thursday 19th October 2023 at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

Meeting Closed 7.35pm