

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

7Thursday 19th 2023 - Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

MINUTES

Present: Councillors R Davey (Chairman), C Carlisle, M Keeble, M Taylor-Cotter, J Cross, B Andrews and R Smith Clerk & RFO S Hoyland

To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) (LGA 1972) – **None**

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)) – **Councillors M Taylor-Cotter and J Cross** declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Shere Parochial Church council (PCC) grant application for the Old School Room. **Councillors J Cross and M Keeble** declared a non-pecuniary interest in item related to Christmas Lights Shere.

Minutes of previous meeting (Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 41(1)) – **Noted** the minutes of the meeting on [28th June 2023](#) (approved at the [full council meeting 5th July 2023 item 23.52](#))

Short adjournment for the public to address the Council regarding any matter on the agenda – None Present

Financial Year 2023/24 (current)

- a) Received an up-to-date [report on expenditure in comparison with budget](#) – **Recommended to Full Council the Shere Car Park Charging adjudicator fees of up to £5,000 from General Reserves and to carry out the driving area repairs to Shere car park before the end of the financial year, with confirmed Grant Aid of £10,307 towards the project**
- b) **Considered** [current general](#) and [earmarked reserves](#)
- c) **Considered** any further expenditure for the year 2023/24 – it was **Noted** that as the council had moved to accrual counting, it appeared less had been spent on Parish Maintenance than in previous years however this would be used as the end of the financial year nears. Also **Noted** that the telephone and Broadband for the Library had not been invoiced from Shere Museum and would be forthcoming.
- d) Christmas Lights Shere – Considered proposal from businesses – **Agreed** to support the business initiative and were happy for the businesses to purchase new lights which would be owned by the businesses and could be independently erected in locations agreed with the Parish Council, including an adequate risk assessment on chosen locations. **Agreed and Recommended to Full Council** a grant of up to £1,500 from Earmarked Reserves North Ward to support the business initiative and tree and lights for Gomshall location (separately purchased and erected by council contractor at a cost of £410)

Reviewed List of [Standing Orders](#) and [Direct Debits](#) - Agreed

Budget Setting for the year 2024/25:

- a) **Noted** report on [Guildford Borough Parish Precepts Comparison 2023/24](#)
- b) **Agreed the [proposed budget](#) and Recommended to Full Council**

- c) **Agreed** to set earmarked reserves 2024/25 in March 2024, before the new financial year and to consider Old School Room Grant at that time, no funds agreed at this time.

Precept 2024/25 – Agreed and Recommended to Full Council November 2023 a [precept of £214,700](#) representing a 35p weekly increase on a Band D Property. The increase reflected the loss of Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS), GBC future Concurrent Functions Grant Aid, the charge being instigated for emptying bins on parish council land by GBC and general increase of costs.

Date of next meeting - June 2024 at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

Meeting closed 9.24pm