



SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

*Serving the villages of Gomshall,
Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake, Shere
and a large part of Abinger Hammer*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
7PM WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2020**

MINTUES

Present – Councillors R Davey, C Brooke, C Carlisle and M Taylor-Cotter. Clerk & RFO S Hoyland

Election of Chairman - R Davey Elected (proposed by M Taylor-Cotter, Seconded by C Carlisle)

Election of Vice-Chairman – B Andrews Elected (proposed by C Carlisle, Seconded by M Taylor-Cotter)

To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) (LGA 1972)
– Councillor R Smith

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)) – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2020 – **Approved as a Correct Record (signed after zoom meeting)**

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

Financial year 2019/20

- a) **Received** final budget breakdown
- b) Accounting Statements 2019/20 – **Noted** that the accounting statements have been submitted to the external auditor.

Financial Year 2020/21 (current)

- **Received** an up to date report on expenditure in comparison with budget. It was **Noted** that donations were split between S.137 grants (grants where we have no power to spend and allowance based on amount per elector) and other donations. The amount spent is over the combined budget, due to the donation to SALV towards the prescription dispensing machine and the donation to the Henry Smith Fund, for PPE during the coronavirus.
- To consider current general and earmarked reserves – it was **Noted** that the general reserves were slightly less than the 50% of precept level advised to hold but the committee found this acceptable.
- To consider any further expenditure for the year 2020/21 – the following was **Noted**:
 - i) that there would be further unanticipated costs forthcoming due to the coronavirus and the easing of the lockdown, including additional cleaning for Old Fire Station toilets when opened and additional signage. Plus, the renovation and installation of self-cleaning toilets, which was currently being researched.
 - ii) Improvements to Shere Car Park
 - iii) Replacement of bollards along front of Goose Green recreation fields
 - iv) Memorial bench on Goose Green required replacement – **Agreed** to contact the family to ask if they would like to replace it.

It was **Noted** that due to the increased activity in our villages, especially Shere, that it will be likely that there will be changes in what the council spends money on in the future and that there was demand from the community, for projects to mitigate the impact of visitors on the villages.

Insurance Policy – to review policy and Internal Auditors comments regarding the level of cover for the street furniture and recommend payment of the annual premium, due in September (3rd year of three-year agreement) – **Agreed** that General Purposes Committee would review the policy in relation to street furniture listed on the Asset Register.

Date of next meeting - 7pm Wednesday 28th October 2020 at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF