

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nuthurst Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting,
held on Wednesday 11th November 2021, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr T Nelson (Chairman) Cllr O Hydes (OBE)
Cllr N Bryant Cllr C Kenny (Vice Chairman)

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, and one member of the public also attended the meeting.

FC013-21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no apologies for absence from Councillors.

FC014-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that no declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

FC015-21/22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the [Finance Committee meeting](#), held on 7th October 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council.

FC016-21/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

FC017-21/22 PUBLIC SESSION

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that no member of the public wished to speak in the public forum.

FC018-21/22 [REVIEW OF CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that all items, excluding the Clerk's salary were on track. The Clerk received a one off payment of £1,000 at the beginning of the financial year for the additional hours she had been working.

Against a budget of £49,842 the Clerk has estimated that the expenditure will be £36,812, the Chairman of the Finance commented that this figure maybe a little 'safe' and that the estimated expenditure would more likely be £40,000. The Chairman of the Finance Committee suggested that the £9,000 surplus be added to the budget for the renovation of the children's play area.

There has been no expenditure from the General Maintenance (£4000) and Reserves Policy (£2,425) budget codes.

The sum of £7,000 has already been set aside in EMR for the Parish Councils contribution to the School Safety Zone, if the application is not approved by WSCC this sum of money will be allocated to another project.

FC019-21/22 2022/2023 PRECEPT

It is estimated that there will be an 'underspend' in 2021/22 and the reserves are above the recommended 50% of the annual budget. There was no increase in the precept in the 2021/22 financial year.

The members discussed financing future projects in the parish, including the renovation of the children's play area and projects in the parish plan. The Parish Survey identified the need for provisions to be made for the older children in the parish.

After much discussion the members of the Finance Committee approved the [2022/23 budget](#) and agreed that they would recommend a 5.33% increase.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** a precept of £52,498 to the Full Parish Council on 15th December 2021.

FC020-21/22 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the members did not request for any items to be included on the next agenda.

FC021-21/22 DATE O NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the date of the next meeting is to be in April 2022.

The meeting closed at 20.58pm

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Cllr T Nelson
Chairman of the Finance Committee

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