

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting, held on
Wednesday 13th November 2019, at 7.00pm, St Andrews School, Nuthurst

Present: Cllr T Nelson (Chairman) Cllr J Mercer
Cllr N Bryant Cllr S Turner
Cllr D Cotton

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, also attended the meeting.

FC019-19/20 APPOINT THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Cotton be elected Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year. **PROPOSED** by Cllr S Turner and **SECONDED** by Cllr J Mercer.

FC020-19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence from Cllr O Hydes and Cllr C Kenny be **APPROVED**.

FC021-19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

FC022-19/209 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the [minutes of the Finance Committee meeting](#), held on 16th October 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council.

FC023-19/20 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman did not make any announcements.

FC024-19/20 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

FC025-19/20 REVIEW OF 2019/2020 Budget

The Chairman of the Finance committee explained that there were a few forecasted 'overspends' for 2019/20;

£ 460.86	Clerks Salary (TAX/NI)
£ 45.60	Subscriptions (Village Halls Advisory Service)
£ 100.00	Hall Hire (additional meetings)

There had also been a significant amount of unexpected expenditure;

£3,677.60	Chafer Beatles (Mannings Heath Village Green)
£ 986.00	Insurance Claim (Claim settlement £886.00)
£3,210.00	Rumba (S106 grant £3,210.00)

The [precept for 2019/2020](#) is £46,000.00 and the Parish Council are currently projecting to spend £49,000.00 during the financial year, the 'over spend' being attributed to the treatment of the Chafer Beetles.

SSALC recommend that Parish Councils should have 50% of their precept in reserves (£23,000.00). The Parish Councils currently have £12,000.00 in reserves, a shortfall of £11,000.00.

FC026-19/20 2020/2021 BUDGET/PRECEPT

The Chairman of the Finance Committee stressed that the Parish Council must continue reducing costs and building up the diminished reserves. The Parish Council will also look into adopting a 'Reserves Policy'.

The members of the Finance Committee considered the [2020/21 budget](#). After much deliberation the members agreed to recommend a precept of £49,842.00 (8.35% increase) to the Full Parish Council meeting on 4th December 2019.

FC027-19/20 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

- i) Cllr N Bryant requested for the installation of village gateways in the hamlets to be re-addressed.
- ii) Financial Regulations to be updated.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Cllr T Nelson
Chairman of the Finance Committee

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Date