

Minutes of the FINANCE Committee Meeting on Friday 15 December 2023 at 10am in the Parish Council Office, Rear of Memorial Hall, Village Road, Denham UB9 5BN.

Members:	Cllr A Hans (AH) - Chairman	Cllr J Walsh (JW)
	<u>Cllr M Heath (MH) – Vice-Chair</u>	<u># Cllr E Austin (EA)</u>
	Cllr A.W. Head (AWH)	<u>## Cllr S Jefferys (SJ)</u>
	<u>Cllr S Williams (SW)</u>	<u>Cllr G Hollis</u>
		<i># = Apologies Received</i>
		<i>## = Apologies not Given</i>
Clerk:	<u>Derek Wilson</u>	

Minutes were voice-recorded.

Agenda No	Minutes	Action
231215/01	Acceptance of Apologies Cllr E Austin	
231215/02	Declaration of Interests None received	
231215/03	Minutes of the previous Finance Meeting 17 November 2023 Minutes approved from the previous meeting – All members agreed.	
231215/04	Review of Current Bank Balances List of Current balances are listed within the papers and the differences are relating to the interest payments.	
231215/05	Grant application from Denham Bowls Club - Denham Bowls Club grant application has been submitted to the parish for review. The amount requested is £60,256.80 for a replacement roof, including a cost contingency and structural surveyors' costings, along with VAT. - A general discussion took place over the building, and we have not had a copy of their structural survey to review the roofing structure. Resolved Clerk to carry out the following actions: - Refuse the grant for £60,256.80. - Call them in for a meeting to discuss what other organisations they have contacted for a grant. - Don't call them in until our Strategy meeting has taken place. - Bring in their forward plan for the next 3-5 years. Proposed by AH – Agreed by the members present	Clerk
231215/06	Financial Budget Comparison This line should not be here as it is not relevant for our discussions	
231215/07	Budget Pre-Planning Discussion The report in front of members shows the previous year's actuals, this year's budget for 2023/24. The pipeline report shows what sort of expenditure is likely to be incurred over the next couple of months until year end.	

	- Income is what it is and the prediction for next year is approximately £10K of interest from the Flagstone account, money coming in from VAT, Martin Baker, Allotments, Cricket Club, the bungalow and precept. £36k received consists of CIL monies relating to development within the Denham area. - Expenditure sheet was then reviewed, included in the budget are the old Ear Marked Reserves (EMR), Actuals about a month out of date, staffing costs approx. £61K. - The spreadsheet was showing the incorrect data being circulated is incorrect will need to be reviewed and updated. Budget Strategy Evening 4 January 2024 6pm to 9pm – DPC Office - It was agreed not to progress with the independent facilitator for this budget review event, due to the costs involved. - A list of projects already identified from the 20 Oct 2023 meeting that can be discussed - A copy of our Constitution will go out to members, along with Julia's email communication. - Bucks services should be reviewed, as to whether we as a Council should take on some of their services to back-fill demand. An example for consideration should be potholes, which Gerrards Cross Town Council are now doing under devolved services arrangement. - Pavements is another area the Council could review as part of future devolved service arrangement, as the pavements do need to be done throughout Denham. - The meeting should identify tentative costings for each project, in order this data can be feed into the budget to eventually work out the precept arrangement for 2024/25. - An extraordinary Council meeting could be called to discuss the budget precept, as the next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 15 January 2024. - Depending on the scale of projects being proposed as part of this strategy process, we may need to go out to public referendum, particularly if it may involve a Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).	Clerk
	Date and Time of Next Meeting Friday 5 January 2024 10am Denham Parish Office	