



Goostrey Parish Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES of the MEETING ON TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2016, at 7.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs M^cCubbin (CM^cC)(Chairman), Caulkin (CC), Godfrey(PG), O'Donoghue (IO) & Rathbone(TR)

Apologies: Cllr Bennett

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Bennett.
3. **Minutes of meeting 24th November 2015**

***Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of 24th November were approved as a true record of the meeting.*
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of 24th November and 5th October 2015.**

Action: The action regarding risk assessments for the Village Hall was delegated to the VHMC.

Action: Clerk to provide updated asset register by 12th January 2016.
5. **Draft Accounts for Q3 2015/16**

***Resolved:** The draft accounts were approved.*
6. **Financial position vs. budget Q3 2015/16**

***Resolved:** The financial position vs budget was approved.*
7. **Consider donation request from Jodrell Bank**

***Resolved:** The Finance Committee agreed to put forward a recommendation to the Parish Council for a one off donation of £100.00 for Jodrell Bank.*
8. **Agree a budget for Neighbourhood Plan Activities not covered by grants to the end of the current financial year – Proposed budget £4,600**

A number of items have already been authorised for expenditure by the Parish Council which are included in the sum of £4,600, however it was agreed that the full amount should be put forward for approval by the Parish Council.

***Resolved:** The Finance Committee agreed to put forward a recommendation to the Parish Council for approval of the £4,600 budget for the Neighbourhood Plan until the end of 2015/16.*

9. **Agreeing the Budget for 2016/17 to put forward to the Parish Council**

Some adjustments were made to the budget and after some discussion it was agreed that it was possible that the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan for 2016/17 could be as much as £20,000, adding this amount to the precept would ensure that there will be sufficient funds to cover all expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan even if no grants are awarded for it in 2016/17. However, the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan for 2016/17 would be set at £10,000 and the balance of £10,000 would be held in reserves to cover any additional funds needed for the Neighbourhood Plan activities.

The remainder of the Gladman Appeal monies would be funded from reserves.

Resolved: *The Finance Committee agreed to put forward a recommendation to the Parish Council for approval of a budget of £72,951.93 for 2016/17 and an additional £10,000 to add to reserves for Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure if required.*

This means that the precept for 2016/17 needs to be increased from £42,571 to £62,571.

Resolved: *The Finance Committee agreed to put forward a recommendation to the Parish Council for approval of a precept for 2016/17 of £62,571.00*

Breakdown of budget for 2016/17 attached.

10. **Any other business**

The Clerk advised the committee that the amended invoice for the Recharge for 2012/13 had been received from Cheshire East Council. It confirmed the estimate of £10,230.05 is the amount to be paid and that the overpayment from 2011/12 has been rectified in resulting in a reduced Recharge invoice in 2013/14.

Resolved: *The Finance Committee agreed to put this onto the payments schedule for the January Parish Council Meeting.*

Action: Clerk to advise the Chairman of the VHMC that the revised invoice has been received and add it to the payment schedule for the January Parish Council Meeting.

11. **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 5th April 2016