

HARBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of Harberton Parish Council

7.30pm on Tuesday 8th January 2015, Harbertonford Village Hall Meeting Room.

Present: Cllrs Broom (Chair), Beamish, J. Hockings, Janes, Williams.

Apologies: Cllr Camp.

Clerk: Ms Radford

1. **Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr Camp.
2. **Approval of minutes from the last meeting**
Minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.
3. **Report on actions from the minutes**
Bank account – still in progress. Councillors will complete Personal Details forms prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
4. **Budget Report** The finance committee reviewed the budget as prepared by the Clerk showing that the expected outturn is within budget for the year.
Total funds in bank accounts on 1st December: £41,756.32
Of which: £25,656.00 is the Community Benefit Fund
£6825.00 is the TAP fund
5. **Consider budget for 2015/16 to prepare precept demand** The finance committee looked at the budget line by line and constructed a proposed budget to recommend to the Parish Council at the next ordinary meeting on 13th January 2015. The proposed budget would be a 9.9% increase on the previous year, and new budget lines for salary over-time, training, professional fees, election costs, a contingency for mower repairs and a general contingency.
6. **Consider applications to the Community Benefit Fund** The Finance Committee considered 5 applications made to the Community Benefit fund and resolved to recommend the following to the Parish Council:

Harbertonford Village Hall New double glazed front main doors	Offer grant of £500.00
St Andrew's PCC, Harberton Repairs to leaking roof	£500 offered. NB: Although the Community Benefit Guidelines state that " <i>The fund is not available for political, religious, entertainment or hospitality purposes...</i> " the finance committee recognise that the church is a community building of heritage importance and recommend offering 50% of the grant requested.
Tim Padfield and Jackie Clayton Southbound bus shelter in Harbertonford	£157 offered from this round for planning and search fee. The applicant is invited to come back for further funds when permission is given and more detailed costings are available.
Domestic Solar Thermal Collectors	Application rejected on the grounds that the project is not considered for community benefit.
Hedge Laying	Application rejected on the grounds that it is the farmer's responsibility to maintain the hedges and the application is not considered a community project.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm