

Nash Mills Parish Council Finance Meeting held on **12th January 2015** at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road.

Those present

Cllr Geoff Doole (Finance Chairman)

Cllr Lucy Foster (Chairman)

Cllr Dave Jackson (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Helen Gough (taking minutes)

Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

Apologies were received from Cllr Terence Collins and the Parish Clerk Linda Sutton. No committee members had any new declarations of interest

Signing of the minutes of the previous meeting

The last minutes of the Finance Committee were from September 2014 at last quorum and were duly signed by the Finance Chairman.

Review of Outstanding Actions

Allowances for local Residents' Associations – Cllr Foster advised the committee that in response to an enquiry from a resident the parish council were considering an annual allowance to all registered associations within the parish and that this had been discussed at the Finance Meeting.

The figure of £2000 divided between the 7-8 associations was proposed, payment of which would be subject to application and eligibility. Cllr Doole asked if this would exclude any one-off payments to set up new associations – Cllr Foster confirmed that this would be an additional funding provided as applicable. It was discussed and agreed that the parish council are aware that at least one local Association does not charge its residents a membership fee, primarily due to the economic circumstances of its members. Cllr Doole asked about how the parish council would establish how the money provided would be spent – it was agreed that this would be part of the application and eligibility process. It was agreed that no personal cheques would be issued and that the relevant applicant would need to provide a report on how they would spend the funds. The estimated amount per Association would be £200.00 per annum.

The Clerk will contact and advise each of the local Residents' Associations regarding the new initiative.

LS

Cllr Doole advised that he had been informed by DBC that NMPC currently has fewer houses within its precept than previously and this is being disputed and will be ongoing.

GD/LS

Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliation

All agreed by the Finance Committee.

The current cheques and invoices for the month will be signed by Councillors GD and DJ. The Clerk will arrange a date. **LS**

GD will sign the expenditure sheets and the financial schedule at the budget meeting with the Clerk in the next week. **LS/GD/DJ**

Schedule of Payments

Expenditure is currently under budget.

Items for discussion at next meeting

No Councillors raised any items for agenda

Budget

It was agreed that Cllr Doole and Cllr Foster would work with the Clerk when she is better.

Cllr Gough confirmed that she had given the signatory forms to NatWest to action her becoming an additional signatory. These had been signed by DJ and the Clerk at the fpcm in December.

The Chairman Cllr Doole closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

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Signature of Chairman

Date of Signature