

Chesterton Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting At Chesterton Community Centre 9.30am, Tuesday 22nd October 2024

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Councillors Present: Johnathan Chavda, Andrew Thomas, Tony Thompson.

In attendance: Mike White (RFO) and Brian Inglis (Clerk)

1. **To Receive Councillor Apologies for Absence**

None.

2. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 30th July 2024**

It was resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Johnathan Chavda.

3. **To agree and sign Bank Balance to Receipts and Summary schedule for October 2024**

Having been circulated and scrutinised, this was agreed and signed.

4. **To Review and Approve October 2024 invoices**

The invoices having been previously circulated for scrutiny, were approved.

4.1 It was agreed that invoices payable by the parish council for grass cutting at the church should be limited to the front area of the church grounds, up to the church wall by the altar. RFO Mike White will speak to Anna Marchetti regarding this.

4.2 It was agreed that the financial support given by the Parish Council to the ABC Magazine would continue, in the form of a one-off payment of £500, to be made in January and replacing the current arrangement of a monthly payment of £40.

5. **Update on progress from previous minutes**

None

6. **Geminus Road Adult and Junior Play Area**

Cllr Chavda reported that inspections are ongoing, with no further payments due to be made at the present time.

7. **Budget**

RFO Mike White gave a concise report on the budget situation for the current year 2024/25, answering questions on various points to the satisfaction of the committee.

An early draft of a budget for 2025/26 is under way, with RFO seeking clarification on the allocation of projected expenditure, including insurance and maintenance funds, at the

Community Centre. Cllr Thomas stated that discussions with the CIO trustees, as managers of the CC, are ongoing in this regard.

A further draft version would be presented to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

8. **Banking**

RFO Mike White gave a report on current arrangements, noting that the opening of the new Unity Trust Bank is imminent, following the supply of signatures.

9. **Car Park**

It was noted that there are funds in reserves for the future upkeep of the car park, with necessary pre-winter replenishment of gravel ongoing.

10. **Christmas Dinner and Volunteers Get-Together**

The date was set for the Councillors and Officers Dinner. Cllr Thomas reported that Jo Rogers has agreed to coordinate the volunteers' get-together again for this year.

The meeting closed at 10.11am

Date of next finance meeting was set as Tuesday 26th November 2024, at 9:30am

Signed as agreed
Cllr J Chavda (Chair)

Date

**Agreed Monthly Finance Meeting Dates 2024/25, commencing 9.30am
(Tuesdays in the Colin Board Room at Chesterton Community Centre)**

26th November

17th December

28th January

25h February

25th March