

## DRAFT MINUTES

### ENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

A **Finance Meeting** of the Council was held by video conference due to Government Restrictions in line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on:-

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.15 pm**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors N. Knott (Chair), C. Glendinning, P. Shaw, D. Robottom, P. Johnson, A. Lee and A. Ward.

APOLOGIES Cllrs. R. Parker and T. Gilbert

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs. B. Sinclair (clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** had been received by Cllrs. Parker and Gilbert.
2. **Review of Minutes from Finance Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019:-**
  - *The Planks* – Work to repair the Planks had been delayed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The work was scheduled to commence in Spring 2021.
  - *Gagingwell – Speed Indicator Devices* – Renault has sponsored a SID, thus the Parish Council was able to install two SIDs. These will be installed shortly. Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Parker and the clerk were thanked for their work regarding this.
  - *Traffic Calming* – Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic in March 2020, the public meeting arranged for March had to be postponed. A parish survey was currently underway, asking for residents' views on how the £15,000.00 towards traffic calming measures should be utilised.
3. **Draft Budget 2021/2022:-**
  - This had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

After discussion the following were agreed:-

- a. *The Planks* – A further £3,000.00 would be put towards the repair of the Planks.
- b. *Community Infrastructure* – Many questionnaires from residents have already been received, illustrating the need for further monies to be put towards the community. A budget of £15,000.00 was agreed.
- c. *WODC Loan* – The clerk will update the Council at November's meeting as to when the loan will be fully paid off.
- d. *Winter Planning* - £500.00 will be budgeted for work including maintenance of the snow plough.
- e. *Climate Change* – It was agreed to budget for improvements towards climate change such as an electrical charging point. £2,500.00 will be put towards this.

- f. *Sports Club Lease* – The clerk confirmed that the current lease expires on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- g. *Updated Budget* – The clerk will present the precept calculation and 2021/2022 budget at November's Parish Council Meeting.

**4. Enstone Parish Hall Account as at 30.9.2020**

- The balance is £14,215.90. The Chair queried whether, due to all the Covid-19 restrictions, £4,000.00 be offered to the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC). After discussion it was agreed that this was unnecessary. However, the PHMC will contact the Parish Council, should the financial situation change. In April, the Government had given a grant of £10,000.00 to the PHMC at the start of the pandemic crisis. The PHMC will discuss what should be the appropriate level of reserves to be held and will apply to the Parish Council if the actual level of reserves falls beneath the required level, as a result of the shortfall in income.

**5. Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.15 pm – via Zoom

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.