

FINANCE MINUTES

Monday 13th July 2020

16:00 Hrs

Via Webex

- 1. Apologies: Cllr S. Hawkins**
- 2. In attendance: Cllr D Bennett (Chair), Cllr J. Leyland, The Clerk D. Austen & RFO J. Munro.**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2020 were agreed by all.**
- 4. Update on items from previous meeting, not all members of the HR panel had been contacted as some had had medical issues and we were waiting for those members to return before approaching them, they were all now back so this would be done shortly, JL had contacted Nat West but had no reply so far, a savings account had been set up with UTB and was now open and the two additional signatories were up and running, CCTV, an application to the church had been made to site the mast on the church tower a decision will be noted when known.**
- 5. The month end accounts were distributed to members in advance and the only question was how the current Covid-19 situation would impact on our budget, it was decided that an interim budget review should be done in September to see what the situation was and any measures that could be taken.**
- 6. The RFO reported that income from our usual sources was down to nearly nothing while expenses were higher than normal this would be looked at in the budget review. The RFO also reported that the reserves could be down to £34K at year-end 2021 from £73K as of year-end 2020, this would be looked at further in the budget review in Sept.**
- 7. Greenway: David Bennett reported that while we had not been successful in our bid for a grant from the South Eastern Rail Fund we had an encouraging reply and were waiting for further meetings with them, various other virtual meetings had been undertaken and the project was progressing, albeit slowly under the current circumstances. It was suggested that we contact "Cycle to Ride" to investigate funding opportunities there, DB to contact.**
- 8. The Clerk had approached 3 fencing companies regarding Piquets play area and quotes were now in, these would be presented to the full council meeting the following day.**
- 9. AOB: A donation request from Wealden Wheels and Charing Christmas Lights were discussed and would be on the agenda for next council meeting. A request for community volunteers "Thank You's" was discussed and JL would contact them. The "Snake" was discussed as a possible cost of £2000 may be required, it was decided that we should seek donations and possible volunteer help to complete the installation. The possibility of an electric car charging point for the village was discussed and it was decided we would approach our ward councillor for his recommendations. A shortlist of "Preferred and Vetted" suppliers to the council is to be produced, to include as many local tradespeople as possible.**
- 10. Date of next meeting Mon 10th August 4:00 pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.50