

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 5TH  
NOVEMBER 2013**

**Present: Councillors Siragher (Chair), Treves, Mrs. May, Mrs. Clark**

**28013 Apologies for absence**

None received

**28113 Declarations of Interests**

None

**28213 Confirmation of the minutes**

The minutes of the Finance and Health and Safety Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman. From now this Committee will be known as the Finance Committee with Health and Safety issues being the remit of the General Purposes Committee

**28313 Matters arising.**

1. The Clerk will speed up the agreed additional bank signatories
2. Quotations for updating the IT equipment are still required

**28413 Finances**

1. The July-September 2013 income and expenditure statements were considered and approved.
2. The latest bank statement balances were noted

Bank of Ireland	£40673.09
Santander	£ 2984.46

**28513 Budget**

1. The expenditure to date versus budget statement was considered. The Chairman had also produced a document to assist in the understanding of the position. Councillors were pleased to note that expenditure so far was on target with our budget. Councillors were agreed that Village Hall users should contribute to the costs of providing the waste bin and the Clerk was asked to write to the Hall Committee advising them that a 50% contribution to the annual cost will be sought.
2. The Clerk explained that the budget for 2014-15 had to be prepared and presented to Council for approval in January 2014, as precept requests had to be submitted to Arun District Council by the end of that month. Councillors were asked to consider items for inclusion in the budget and these could include Tree Works on the playing field, repairs to the Pound, Neighbourhood Plan and phone box refurbishment. The budget will be prepared in early January.
3. The Localisation of Council tax Support and the implications for future budget setting was considered. For the year 2015-16 the support will be halved to £892.00 and in 2016-17 no grant will be paid. Councillor Mrs. May thought that the 2014-15 precept should be increased by 2.5% to start to prepare for the shortfall. Councillor Treves believed

that an increase around 1.5% would be more appropriate. Councillors were asked to give this serious thought and have their ideas available for the next meeting when budget and precept would be finalised.

**28613 Grant Awards**

The Clerk presented a draft of the 2013/14 grant application form to be sent to local organisations and groups. This was approved. In addition to the recipients of 2012/13 grants, forms would be sent to: Baptist Church, Scouts, Guides, Mother & Toddler Group, CP@W, Wednesday Afternoon Club, Bowls Club, the new Football Club and the Southdowns Concert Band.

**28713 Other relevant business**

The hand wash water heater in the ladies cloakroom is not suitable for small children as the temperature cannot be regulated. The Clerk was asked to investigate changing this heater.

**28813 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to finalise budgets and precept

signed..... dated.....

Committee Chairman