



NORTHCHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a FINANCE PRECEPT ONLY Meeting

held at the Village Hall on Thursday 5th December 2024 at 8pm

Present: Councillors Mrs Julia Fraser, Miss Laura Green, Mr Melvin Greet, Mrs Sharon Holden (Chairman) and Mr Ed Warren.

In attendance: Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk
There were no members of the public in attendance.

81/24 Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received and were accepted from Councillors Alex Baker, Samantha Jones, John Sochovsky and Daphne Trussler.

82/24 Declarations of Interest: Councillor Sharon Holden declared an interest as a member of the Northchapel Village Hall Management Committee and member of the PCC.

83/24 Minutes: The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed.

84/24 Grants and Donations 2024/25

The figures for the current budget 2024/25 were examined at Appendix 2. All budgeted annual grants and donations previously agreed were approved as follows:

Northchapel Primary School £300
Northchapel Village Hall £500
Petworth Over 60's Club £50
Petworth Cottage Nursing Home £100
Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance £300
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £50

It was determined there was a small amount of money available for the additional grant requests received. After discussion, the following donations were agreed:

- Northchapel Primary School (Subscription to WSCC school library service and Maths subscription) @ £1,232
- Northchapel Village Hall (Contribution to pothole repairs) @ £1,000
- 4Sight (Chichester based charity dealing with people with sight loss) @ £130
- Tylers Trust (Local charity supporting families who have children with life threatening illnesses) @ £100
- Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery (Contribution to the provision of facilities and equipment at the surgery which would not otherwise be provided out of statutory funds) @ £200

Northchapel Primary School requested help with a contribution to the annual upkeep of the community swimming pool. It was agreed that instead of a donation, that the repayment of the loan (£500) for the year 2024/25 would be waived.

All donations and grants will be paid at January's meeting.

85/24 Budget and Precept 2025/26

The draft figures for 2025/26 were considered. It was agreed the precept should remain at £30,000.

86/24 To consider urgent items at the Chairman's discretion

There were no urgent matters.

87/24 Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th January 2025 at 8pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed

Date