

West Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of the Finance and Planning Committees
held on Monday 15th January 2024
Pavilion London Road

Members: Cllr P Bosley (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley Cllr P Chalk, Cllr V Bennett,
 Cllr G Christie, Cllr D King, Cllr R McCarthy, Cllr S Gray, Cllr M Richards,
 Cllr J Watchorn, Cllr R Seal.

1. Apologies for Absence : None
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Richards and Cllr Chalk
3. Planning
4. **SE/23/03441/FUL Stacklands Wood School Lane:**
 Proposed new vehicle access - comment

5 Present Financial Situation

Cash Balance as at 11/1/24	£ 236,970
VAT re-claim. To 1/04/23-31/12/23	£ 8,668+
V/Hall reimbursements	£ 3,856+
Old School reimbursements	£ 3,563 +
	£ 253,057

Less WRAG money	£ 4,606
Less Expected Expenditure	<u>£ 41,342-</u>

Expected Balance as at 31.3.23 £207,109

This balance figure includes for 2024/25

A Property fund balance	£ 107,701 +
B CIL Money received to date	£ 69,309 +
C Sport refurbishment project	£ 30,093

Total assigned for 2024/25 £ 207,103

Leaving a Balance of £1,300 to carry forward to 2024/2

6 Review Financial Procedures:

Members reviewed the financial procedures as circulated and agreed to amend to take into account electronic payments made by sumup machine.. Noted.

7 Review of Allotment charges

Currently £15 per plot with an increase last year of £2, plus water charge of £12, Total £27 per plot. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Chalk and seconded by Cllr Gray to increase to £16 for water making total of £31 per plot per year

8 IN FAVOUR
3 ABSTAINED

8 Burial Ground Fees

It was proposed by Cllr Watchorn and seconded by Cllr Richards that the following increases agreed

Purchase of Grave: Exclusive Right and issue of Certificate	£430
Re-Open existing Grave	£195

(Living outside the Parish at the time of death fees are double)

Placing a Memorial	£185
Placing Kerbstones	£175
Additional Inscription	£135

Cremated Remains Section

Purchase a plot including placing a Memorial	£245
Burial of second cremated remains in existing plot	£125

(Living outside the Parish at the time of death fees are double)

**10 IN FAVOUR
1 ABSTENTION**

9. To consider the budget for 2024/5 and the level of Precept.

Taking account of the expected cash balance at the end of the financial year and expected income, and taking into account the increases to minimum wages with affect from 1st April, it was proposed through the Chair that the precept should be set at £121,440.03. Resulting in Band D annual charge on that figure would be £50.20 reflecting 5% increase. (this would be 97p per week for Band D)

ALL IN FAVOUR

Confidential item

There were no confidential items

Meeting closed at 9.40pm