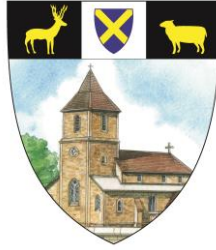


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6th February 2024

TO: Members of the Finance Committee

Councillors John Hale (Chair), Graham Leonard, Luke Sieger, James Lambert, Julie Oakley, Jenny Roberts

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Sandridge Parish Council's Finance Committee, to be held at Marshalswick Community Centre on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30pm

Simon Thwaites
Parish Clerk

To assist in the prompt dispatch of business, members requiring further information or clarification on items included on the agenda are requested to enquire prior to the meeting.

A G E N D A

- 1. To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Councillor Julie Oakley
- 2. Disclosures of interest and dispensations**
 - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
 - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
 - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
- 3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th October 2023**
- 4. S.137 Expenditure Limit**

S.137 expenditure is money spent by a council where there is no specific spending power to do so and where a council does not have the Power of Competence. This expenditure is capped in order to avoid excessive inappropriate use of public money. The cap for 2024/25 is £10.81 multiplied by the number of electors in the parish (a figure over 9,000). It's very unlikely Sandridge Parish Council will come anywhere close to that level of S.137 expenditure but the Clerk will continually monitor.

5. **2023/24 Budgetary Control**

Projected net expenditure in 2023/24 is £303,356 against a budget of £343,095. This projection would result in an underspend on budget of £39,739. Exceptional or material variations are;

- Increased income from Marshalswick Community Centre £13,000
- Increased bank interest £7,000
- Cancelled Parish Event £10,000
- Reduced expenditure on the Grounds Maintenance Contract £3,000 (unused provision for new items)

6. **Matters of note**

- At Full Council on February 14th it will be recommended by the Committee for Sustainability that an annual sum of £2,500 is set aside (earmarked) toward the eventual replacement of the parish van or another capital cost relating to sustainability.
- The 2023/24 salary award as agreed by the Local Government Association has been implemented. The award was for an additional £1,925 per annum on each increment of the pay scale (pro rata to hours worked).
- The Hiring of the two community centres continues to be buoyant. The Centres Manager will report to Full Council with further details at the May meeting.
- The 2024/25 precept will be received from the District Council in two equal instalments in April and September 2024.
- The Parish Council's new payroll provider continues to offer a prompt, accurate and professional service.
- At Full Council on 14th February, councillors will be asked to again consider the transfer of the Jersey Farm Open Space from the District Council to the Parish Council. Members will be made aware of the annual maintenance costs, currently in the region of £9,750.

7. **Items for inclusion on the next agenda**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday June 3rd 2024 at 7.30pm Marshalswick Community Centre