

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**held at the Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. Present</b> Mr T Barton, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr A Russell and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk).</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</b> Agenda item 7.2 – Mr Barton declared a personal interest as he is a ‘mender’ at the repair café.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes from previous meeting</b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The Finance Committee minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Miss Lawrence  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p><b>4. Public Participation</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b>  5.1 Nationwide account – the clerk has submitted the paperwork but Nationwide are experiencing a large volume of applications and it is taking up to 12 weeks to open an account. The clerk hopes to hear confirmation of the account being opened next month.  5.2 106 monies – the clerk suggested that reviewing and monitoring the 106 open space monies should be a regular agenda item for the finance committee. It will be included from the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>6. Financial Review</b>  6.1 Expenditure – CMG budget needs increasing by £1,400 to £4,400 due to legal costs. Donations budget needs increasing by £1,800 to £4,800. £500 to come from training budget and £700 to come from maintenance person budget and £2,000 to come from The Garages budget.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The finance committee recommends that the pc makes the above virements:-  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Miss Lawrence  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)  6.2 Future expenditure – clerk to ask MDDC to arrange for the car park to be resurfaced and white lined (this was part of the asset transfer deal).</p>	Clerk
<p><b>7. Donations/Grants</b>  7.1 Blackdown Support Group  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The pc makes a donation of £500.00.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)  7.2 Repair Cafe  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The pc makes a donation of £500.00.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Miss Lawrence  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p><b>8. Asset Management</b>  8.1 Mr Pike to be asked to strim edges of trim trail, Longmead.  8.2 Dead trees on boundary at Longmead need attention in Spring.</p>	
<p><b>9. Precept 2023</b>  9.1 Due to MDDC predicting their collection rate will fall, if HPC were to keep its precept the same level as last year i.e. £87,037 the annual band D rate would increase to £99.77.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The pc leaves the precept unchanged at £97.31 band D annual rate, giving a precept of £84,890, a reduction of £2,147 compared to last year.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Miss Lawrence</p>	

<b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Moon <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)	
<b>10. <u>Items raised by clerk</u></b> 10.1 The Local Government Association has come to an agreement on the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2022. Clerks pay to increase in line with these pay scales. 10.2 The clerk suggested that the pc might consider having .gov email addresses. This to be considered after the election in May 2023.	
<b>11. <u>Items raised by chair</u></b> Nothing to report.	
<b>12. <u>Items raised by councillors</u></b> 12.1 Miss Lawrence suggested that the pc should promote all of the work it does in its regular Pump update and also start mentioning the election in May.	
<b>13. <u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm Healthy Living & Activities Centre.	

**Signed**.....**Date**.....