



## Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held in Committee Room, Alderholt Village Hall at 6.15pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Present:** Cllr A Hibberd, Cllr G Logan, Cllr M Smethers (Chairman) and Cllr D Tooke

**In attendance:** Mrs N Ashton (Clerk)

**10/26 To receive and accept apologies for absence:**

Cllr S Butler was absent from the meeting.

**11/26 To receive declarations of interest and/or consider the granting of dispensations:**

Cllr Hibberd declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 14/26 as the Village Hall has submitted a grant application and he is a Hall trustee. He did not take part in discussions relating to the application.

**12/26 To approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record and they were signed by the Chairman.

**13/26 Public Session:**

There were no members of the public present.

**14/26 To consider any Grant Applications received:**

Grant applications received from Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck, the Village Hall and Alderholt Recreation Association.

- Citizens Advice Application: Members **RESOLVED** to approve the application.
- Village Hall Application: As the Village Hall have not been successful in obtaining other grants to assist with covering the costs for the kitchen refurbishment it was agreed to suggest they reapply at a later date once other funds have been secured and to point out that if they reapply during the current financial year they won't be able to apply for the full amount. If an application is submitted during the next financial year, they may be able to apply for the full amount subject to other grant applications being received.
- Alderholt Recreation Association Application: Members **RESOLVED** to approve the application for the net amount requested. As the organisation is VAT registered it is understood they can claim back VAT hence why only the net amount was approved but it was agreed to clarify this and if they are unable to claim back VAT the decision on whether to approve the application would be delegated to Cllr Smethers and the Clerk subject to a full explanation being provided as to why VAT can't be claimed back.

**15/26 To review current expenditure against budget including earmarked reserves:**

Cllrs reviewed the expenditure and it was noted that the only budget heading which will be exceeded at the current time will be for the tree works and general reserve funds will be used to cover the shortfall.

**With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.45pm**