Gurnard Parish Council

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The minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council Finance Committee held on Wednesday 31st January 2024 at Gurnard Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors Fuller (Chair), Bugden, Franklin, and Acton.

Clerk: Richard Shaul

Cllr Nolan attended in a non-voting capacity. No members of the public were present.

The meeting commenced at 18:55

1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

1. **Members’ declarations of interest**

Cllrs Bugden, Franklin and Acton declared interests in item 179.23-24 as council tax payers in the Gurnard parish. Dispensations will be obtained prior to the Full Council meeting of 14th February when the annual budget and precept are confirmed.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting and the Grants Panel meeting of the council held on 25th October 2023 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the chair. No matters arising.

1. **Payment for purchase of Weather Station**

The purchase of a Weather station was approved at the Full Council meeting on 13th December 2023. However, the vendors require payment by debit or credit card, a facility that the Parish Council does not have.

**Resolved: That the Clerk be granted delegated authority to pay for the Weather Station by personal debit or credit card, and claim reimbursement through the expenses procedure.**

1. **Annual Budget and Precept 2024/2025.**

The Clerk presented a document and calculations for the budget for 2024/2025, with a recommendation that the annual precept is maintained at £60,186.

**Resolved:**

1. **that the Finance Committee recommends that the Parish Council adopts the budget for 2024/2025 as presented, with the following amendments:**

**Training increased by £1,000 to allow for councillors training**

**Website increased by £1,200 to allow for email upgrade**

**Planning enforcement increased by £1,400**

**Contribution for use of village hall added £1,000**

**Gurnard in bloom increased by £500**

**Contribution to Cowes library increased by £500**

**Repairs to village clock reduced by £2,000**

**Contingency reduced by £393 to balance budget to proposed precept**

1. **To maintains the Precept at £60,186**

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| The meeting closed at 19:41 |

…………………Chair