

Finance Group Report

1. The Finance Group has reviewed the budget for 2014-15 and makes the following recommendations:
 - a. To transfer £250 from the contingency fund to create a training budget. This will provide for Chairmanship Skills training for the Chairman and Vice Chairman and training for new councillors.
 - b. To transfer £500 from the contingency fund to the footpaths budget in order to cover possible additional costs caused by last winter's very wet weather and this summer's warm weather.
2. The Well House lease is due for renewal on 1 January 2015. The rent for each of the years 2009 – 2014 was set at £1000 per year. In order to support Sparsholt Shop the actual rent charged has been as follows:

2009	£1000
2010	NIL
2011	NIL
2012	£250
2013	£500
2014	£500

The Finance Group recommends that the Parish Council should write to inform the Sparsholt Shop Association that it is minded to offer the lease for renewal on the following terms:

Jan – Dec 2015	Year 1	£500
Jan – Dec 2016	Year 2	£750
Jan – Dec 2017	Year 3	£1000

3. CPRE. Local CPRE were extremely helpful to the Parish Council when preparing the objection to the wind turbine at Sparsholt College. The Finance Group recommends rejoining CPRE at a cost of £30-40 per annum.
4. The current Playground funding spreadsheet does not include the cost of the rent payable to WCC and the annual health and safety inspection. The Finance Group recommends that with effect from April 2016 these items are included in the spreadsheet so that the full cost of the playground is shown.