

A meeting of the Authorising Committee of the Frittenden Parish Council COVID-19 Hardship Fund was held by Zoom on Monday 4th May 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Cllr A Staples (Chairman)
Cllr H Cullingworth
Cllr Riley
Mr G Lawrence

In attendance: Mrs E Nightingale (Clerk)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Riley, seconded by Mr Lawrence, and **RESOLVED** by all committee members present that the Minutes from the last committee meeting on 27th April 2020 are a true accurate record of that meeting. That being the case, the Chairman shall sign the Minutes.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported that donations totalling £20,420 had been received from 13 donors. Total grants of £1,000 had been paid out to two applicants, leaving the balance remaining to be distributed at £19,420.

Recipients of grants made on a “one off” basis were encouraged to re-apply for additional grants should they require further support.

3. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Three applications were considered and details of the change in each of the applicants' circumstances arising as a result of the COVID19 lockdown were presented to the committee.

In respect of application 1, it was proposed by Mr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Riley, and **RESOLVED** by all committee members present to pay a grant of £500.

In respect of application 2, it was proposed by Mr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Riley, and **RESOLVED** by all committee members present to pay a grant of £500.

In both cases, it was agreed that the applicants should be encouraged to make further applications to the fund should continuing support be required.

In respect of application 3, it was proposed by Cllr Staples, seconded by Cllr Riley, and **RESOLVED** to pay a grant of £260 (3 votes for, 0 votes against, 1 abstention).

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Riley reported that the Memorial Hall had received a grant from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council which is being paid to businesses in the leisure, retail and hospitality sector that have been adversely affected by the COVID19 lockdown. The application process was extremely simple and the grant was paid out within a few days of the application being submitted. Cllr Riley questioned whether there were other businesses in the Parish which might benefit from this scheme and it was

agreed that the Clerk would put a short note on the Frittenden Facebook page to ensure that residents were made aware of it.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____