

Charlbury Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee

Held on Wednesday 17th November 2021

At 8pm at the Corner House

Present: Cllrs: L. Reason (in the chair), G. Epps, P. Kenrick, G. Harrison, D. Raymond-Barker, C. Wilding, F. Mortimer, T. Merry.

1. To receive Apologies for Absence

These were received from Cllrs J. Burroughs, J. Styring and N. Potter.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest: none were received.

3. To consider the budget for Financial Year 2022-23

A draft budget had been circulated previously.

Some delivery needs to be seen within the remaining 2 ½ years of this Council. The TC needs to agree the highest priority items within its capacity.

The Chair talked through principles from her paper on which to base the setting of the budget/precept.

Councillors talked through each line of the draft budget.

Grant applications: the clerk will request more details from the organisations who have applied for grants

Local Council insurance: the clerk will check the current policy and find out exactly what it covers.

A discussion was held on strategy and how to set the budget within it before the strategy has been finalised.

Cllr Harrison will share the grass cutting regime (from Scribe) with the Land & Nature Group. The group can then identify the pattern of cutting through the season in order to discover any possible savings that could be had, in line with its strategy of nature recovery.

A further Finance Committee (Precept) meeting will be held on 8th December at 8pm.

Meeting closed: 10.30pm.

Signed

Date