

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman) Mrs B Amory, Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan, Mr J Theyer & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the following addition “To improve inter councillor communications and communications with the complaine and public” added to page 3.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: No public were present.

FINANCE:

1. Neighbourhood Plan Payment:

S Chapman (Chapman Planning) £1,001.70 prop. B Amory, sec. D Broad

2. Appointment of Mr Iain Selkirk as Independent Internal Auditor for the 21/22 Audit. It is likely that because the turnover in 2021/22 will have exceeded the threshold, we will need a full external audit this year. It was proposed by Mr A McLellan and seconded by Mr G Broad to appoint Mr Selkirk as Independent Internal Auditor for the 21/22 Audit, agreed.

ALL OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022:

SETTING THE 2022/23 PRECEPT: The Chairman & Clerk had produced a draft budget which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued and agreement reached on each item. It was noted that £3,295 had already been pledged to the village hall for the new front doors, leaving £3,000 in the donations budget. Also included was £2,000 for legal fees for the transfer of the nature reserve and £1,000 towards the cost of contested elections, which the parishes will have to pay for from 2023. The estimated end of year balance was £7,741. Mr G Broad was asked to consider taking some of the content from the village website, which was due be shut down shortly, and incorporating it with the Parish Council website to avoid it being lost, he agreed to look into this. The following budget was then agreed:-

EXPENDITURE:

**Parish Council Running Costs**

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Village Hall Rent (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	220.00
Insurance (L.G.A. 1972 S 111)	450.00
Clerks Salary (L.G.A. 1972 S. 112)	2745.00
Telephone/Broadband (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	340.00
Chairman’s Allowance/Travel Expenses (L.G.A. 1972 Sch. 12)	150.00
Audit Fee (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	300.00
Stationery (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	150.00
I.T. Support/Website (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	250.00
Subscriptions (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	350.00

**Maintenance and Improvements to Parish Land and Assets**

Playing Field Grass Cut (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	800.00
Playing Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	100.00
Land Below Tennis Courts (L.G.(MP) A. 1976)	100.00
Diggers Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	380.00
Lower End Graveyard (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	500.00
Fitness Equipment (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	85.00
Defibrillator & Xbox (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	250.00
Noticeboard (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	100.00
Storage on Diggers Field (L.G.A. 1972 S. 145)	500.00
Grass Keep Water (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	100.00

**Verge and Hedge Cutting** (H.A. 1980 S. 96) 6000.00

**Community Funding and Donations to other Bodies**

Donations (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137) 6300.00

**Additional Items**

Christmas Lights (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	250.00
Neighbourhood Plan (Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017)	1000.00
Community Orchard (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	300.00
Nature Reserve (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	2000.00
Election Costs (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	1000.00

24720.00

**ESTIMATED INCOME:**

Grass Keep	0
HVLTC Ground Rent	250.00
Playing Field Rental	0
Rent from Vodaphone Pole	1000.00
Income from GCC for Verges	2963.00
Interest on Deposit Account	0
VAT Refund 2021/22	2340.00
	6553.00

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Estimated Expenditure	24720.00
Less Estimated Income	6553.00
Less Money from Balances	1741.00
	16426.00

It was agreed to take £1,741.00 from balances to allow the precept to remain the same as in 2021/22. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to set the 2022/23 precept at £16,426, agreed, 6 in favour with 1 abstention.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm.

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Date.....