

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

Present:- Councillor Brown, Councillor Evans, Councillor French, Councillor Levine, Councillor Price (Chair), and Councillor Pakenham.

The Clerk and the RFO, Anita Emery were in attendance.

Councillor Evans was welcomed to join the committee after the resignation of Councillor Callan.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

None.

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, *in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct: to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.*

Councillor Browne expressed an interest as the contractor who mows the Council's three fields, (Drewett's, Lodge and Stage) along with some hedge cutting.

2.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*

None received.

3.0 PRECEPT

To look at funding and projected financial outlay in order to advise on the required precept for 2024/25.

The RFO had provided a breakdown of Council expenditure to councillors prior to the meeting.

The Clerk left the meeting to copy paperwork for councillors.

After examination of the spreadsheet the Committee agreed to recommend to the full Council a precept figure of £56,614 for 2024/2025, using £2,000 of reserve funds to bring the increase down from a 24% increase to a 16% increase.

4.0 STAFF SUB-COMMITTEE

To set up staff sub-committee

The Chair, Councillor Price, invited Councillor French and Councillor Levine to join her on the Staff sub-committee. This was agreed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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Signed Cllr. Susan Price

Dated 28th November 2023