

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

**Present:-** Councillor Browne, Councillor Price (Chair) and Councillor Ralph.  
The Clerk and the RFO, Anita Maxwell were in attendance along with four members of the public.

#### **1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -**

Councillor French and Councillor Levine.

#### **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 UPDATE TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

To approve Councillor Ralph's inclusion on the Financial Committee

This was unanimously approved at the full council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### **4.0 TO AMEND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To agree amended Terms of Reference to be approved by full council

Postponed to future meeting. Existing terms to be used minus the staffing committee sections and references.

#### **5.0 PRECEPT**

To look at funding and projected financial outlay in order to advise on the required precept for 2025/2026.

The RFO had provided a breakdown of Council expenditure to councillors prior to the meeting. After examination of the spreadsheet the Committee agreed to recommend to the full Council a precept figure of £65,818 for 2025/2026.

It was recognized that this figure could change depending on work needed outlined in the tree survey and if the full council wished to set aside money for future legal costs.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Signed Cllr. Susan Price, Chair

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025