

Due to the Chairman being in hospital and some Councillors having problems relating to COVID it was not possible to form a Quorum for a regular meeting. It was therefore agreed to hold a remote Finance Meeting on 24th January.

Present

Mr.I.Smith, Mrs.Sue Bates, Mrs.S.Yates, Mr.A.Johnson (by telephone)

Apologies

Cllr.Robert Tindall, Mr.P.Hand

Finance

The clerk reported that the Parish Council had been assured that a lengthsmans grant would be available but the exact amount was not yet known.

Although there had not been an election in the Parish last May, there would be a charge of £400 to cover Shropshire Council's administration costs.

It was anticipated that there will be a rise in the cost of electricity for the streetlights at Billingsley (last year they cost £250). At the end of this financial year there should be a balance of approximately £2000 - it is therefore proposed that an increase of £600 should be made to cover the above increases in expenditure. On a proposal by Mr.Johnson it was unanimously agreed that the Precept should remain at £7000.

The clerk recommended an increase of £600 increase the same-no increase but this was rejected by the council who unanimously agreed that there should be no increase in the precept for the year 2022/23.

Bob Bates

4 May 2022