

Minutes of a remote finance meeting of Billingsley Parish Council held on 5th January, 2022

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 lengthsman's 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 ^{the same - no} increase but this was rejected by the council who ^(£6000) unanimously agreed that there should be no increase in the precept for the year 2022/23.

Signed by chair
4 May 2022