



Meeting held via 'Zoom' video conferencing starting at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Chairman: Gerard McCloskey (GM), Adrian Collins (AC), Max Harwood (MH) and Steve Williamson (SW).

Clerk: Debbie Harknett.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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- 1) **It was noted the meeting would not be recorded.**
- 2) **There were no apologies for absence as all members were in attendance.**
- 3) **There were no declarations of interest.**
- 4) **The Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 4th October 2021** were approved to be signed as a true record.
- 5) **There were no representations from the public.**
- 6) **Chairman's report** - GM noted there was nothing beyond items covered on the agenda.
- 7) **Review of expenditure against budget 2021/22** (previously circulated)
 - a) It was felt this had been covered at last months meeting and there were no material changes.
 - b) Clerk noted while the expenditure had increased and there appears to be a larger budget shortfall in relation to RATA there had been an associated donation to mitigate this.
- 8) **Budget 2022/23** (previously circulated)
 - a) GM noted there had been no further requests for grants or projects to be considered for inclusion in next year's budget.
 - b) Clerk updated meeting on Youth Club who have today confirmed they are hoping to work with Sussex Clubs for Young People who will take over the management and staffing of the club while helping with fundraising, organisation, support etc; they aim to re-open at Easter 2022. The committee have received a quote (approx £6,800) and contract of which they are going through detail.
 - c) SW explained the parish council previously met the cost of the youth worker (about £2,000). It was noted the club has received a covid-related grant so is able to self-fund the first year.
 - d) Clerk has indicated to the club any grant is likely to be on a similar basis to previously awarded and the council would be unable to meet the full cost now or, without a significant increase in precept, in the future.
 - e) After discussion and acknowledgement of the parish council support for the youth club, SW's proposal to include £2,000 in the precept for the youth club was seconded by AC and unanimously approved.
 - f) SW asked that when we inform the youth club that we are happy to continue our previous support for youth worker we should request a progress report to help review the grant next year.
 - g) GM reminded the meeting the full council have approved a budget total of £37,070 as recommended by the finance committee after the zoom discussion following last months meeting.
 - h) AC asked if the Chairman's letter in the R&T about the proposed increased had received any comments – MH confirmed it had not.

- i) With no further questions about the breakdown between costs, GM's proposal of **resolution 'full budget detail for £37,070 precept'** be put to full council for approval' was seconded by SW and unanimously approved.
- j) Clerk confirmed we are required to submit our precept request to CDC by mid-January but unless there is a reason to delay (if we were waiting on additional information) she will submit when full council have approved.

9) The next Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled to be held **at 7.30pm on Monday 25th April 2022 via zoom video conferencing.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

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Chairman

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Date