

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH ON MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 6 PM

Present: Cllr S Balfour, in the Chair

Cllrs: J Bell, M Galvin, M Roberts, S Parker

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive and approve reasons for absence

Resolved: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tony Hames for reasons as recorded in the attendance book.

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

2.1. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

2.2. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest

2.3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No interests were declared

3. To consider taking out GAP vehicle insurance at a cost of £246.00 for the new van

Resolved: Approved

4. To consider the draft budget proposal/s for 2023- 2024

The interim Clerk had sought guidance from the current Clerk regarding certain budget headings requiring increased expenditure for 2023-24. These were tabled and considered at length.

The chair informed that the 2023-24 Tax Base had decreased by 8 properties due to the recent boundary changes.

Resolved: That further budget options are re-worked and presented for consideration.

5. To consider the Precept amount for 2023-2024

The interim clerk tabled the option based on a zero increase to last years precept request. Detailed discussions took place which took into consideration the cost-of-living situation and how that impacts on all areas of council and community responsibilities and expectations.

Resolved: That a precept increase of 1% is unanimously voted in favour of. That the interim clerk is requested to re-present the calculations indicating the impact on band D properties at the next meeting.

6. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 30th January 2023 7pm

As there was no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:06 pm

Signed Chair

Date