



Broughton Town Council

Finance & Audit Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th January 2024 at the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre.

Present: Cllr Price (Chair), Cllr Portess, Cllr Simpson & Cllr Senior.
Also present: Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson.

1. Apologies for Absence

All members present.

2. Declaration of Interest

To record declarations of interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

None declared.

3. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.

No member of the public or press was present.

4. Budget & Precept 2024/25

To consider the budget & precept for 2024/25.

A letter was received tonight at a previous meeting from the Village Hall Committee requesting £10,000 which is double the maintenance grant given in previous years.

The Clerk stated that as discussed in the previous Trustees meeting the Committee had work to do on investigating the Energy Survey and implementing the recommendations and looking at the current utility costs and new suppliers. It was agreed that until progress was seen on these actions the £5,000 maintenance grant would be recommended for payment with a review in 6 months.

The proposed budget was discussed in depth, and it was agreed to put the following recommendations to the full council. Increase the precept to £150,000 for 2024/25.

This will take into consideration the project for 2024/25 which include the repair to the memorial in the cemetery, repairs to the church wall, works on the cemetery extension, investigations in taking on the grass cutting maintenance and the refurbishment of the Centre.

Clerk to provide a full statement for the council and residents showing the precept over the past 10 years and what the Council are responsible for detailing that the Councillors are elected members and receive no remuneration for this.

5. AOB

No other issues raised.

6. Date and Time of the next meeting

To be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.