

## Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs. N Griffiths, (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs. N Whalley and Mrs. C Thomas

**1) To Accept Apologies for absence.**

Councillors T Threlfall Mrs. F Craig-Wilson & K McKay (unwell)  
It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.  
Councillors St J Greenhough & J Graham did not attend.

**2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**3) To review the Salaries of the Administration staff.**

It was resolved that there will be no increase in the salaries of the Administration staff,

**4) To Review the Contracts for the Open Spaces Contractors.**

The Clerk reported that the Contractors were willing to continue with the Contracts for a further 12 months with no increase in the amount paid. A new contract will be issued for Hedge cutting after the payment from LCC has been agreed.  
It was resolved that the contracts should be renewed for a period of 3 years with an annual review to consider increases for cost of living.

**5) To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2023-24**

It was resolved to set a Precept budget of £107,932 (0% increase) for the 2023-24 Precept budget.  
It was agreed that any overspend would be taken out of the Community reserves.

**6) To consider any Capital expenditure proposals for 2023-2024**

There were no Capital expenditure proposals.

**7) To consider appointing Mrs. Taylor as the Internal Auditor for the 2022/23 Accounts**

It was resolved that Mrs. Taylor should be appointed the Internal Auditor for 2022/23 accounts

**8) To consider a response to LCC's Budget Proposals for 2023/24**

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to LCC requested that a nil increase in its Budget due to the cost of living crisis.

Signed...T. Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....07/02/23.....