

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 18th JANUARY
IN THE DURLING VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 6.30PM
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND**

012/22 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those present: Councillors: S Bull – Chairman, N Fursdon, L Powell, L Cronin and S Parish.

013/22 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

None were received.

The Chairman handed over to Cllr Parish to lead on the items.

015/22 Finance

a) To discuss and agree budget 2022/23

- A detailed debate took place
- The Clerk explained the current situation with regards to the church rooms, and how this may have an effect on the budget, but there was enough to cover any extras,
- Only two items have increase and these reflect the minimum wage, personal allowances and rise in NI.
- The cost of the electric, for the office has risen and this is due to the high rise in the costs of electric, and it is expected that there will be significant increase with the new financial year
- Noted that the number of Staff has increased from 3 to 4. The staff budget line is slightly under budget.
- A question about the Newsletter line, as it showed a zero was asked. It was agreed that there would be enough in the budget if the PC started printed copies regularly.

Voting, all agreed to adopt the budget of £76,900

b) To discuss and agree Precept 2022/23

The figure for the Precept request was put forward by the F&GP at £60,000

When members of the F&GP looked at the cost of the increase it would have gone up and be around £70.00 for the year for the Band 'D' equivalent, and this worked out at around 19 pence per household increase for the year.

Voting, all agreed to adopt the Precept of £60,000

016/22 Date of Next Meeting & Close

The meeting was then closed; the F&GP is on 28th January and the next PC meeting is 8th February, there being no further business the meeting closed at 19.05