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PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of Pauntley Parish Council, held at Pauntley Village Hall, Brand Green, Gloucestershire, GL19 3JD on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Cllr Paul Gray (Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Harding (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Anne Rawson

Cllr Paul Eastabrook

Cllr Christine Philips

Mr Mark Hargreaves, a member of the public, was also in attendance.

Item 1. To Receive Apologies and Acceptable Reasons for Absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fowke and from the Clerk. Cllr Harding took minutes in the Clerk's absence.

Item 2. To Receive any Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest in Items on the Agenda

2.1 No declarations of interests were received or dispensations made.

Item 3. To Receive the Third Quarter Accounts for October-December 2021

3.1 The third quarter accounts were received, and it was resolved to approve these. Since meetings of the parish council are bi-monthly, it was agreed that financial statements should also be produced on the same basis to allow for more timely financial reporting and review

Resolved: Resolved: to sign off on the second quarter accounts for October – December 2021

Item 4. To Resolve on the Parish Council Budget for the Financial Year 2022-2023 and the Associated Precept Request

4.1 Discussions took place on the draft budget for 2022-2023. An amount of £325 will be allocated to the Election Costs Reserves, which stands at £600 at present. This reserve will be built up to approximately £1300 before the next parish council elections in May 2023, in the event of a contested election. The trees at Compton Green have been checked and work taken place during this financial year at £350, and a further £100 will be added for the next year. An additional amount has been added to the Clerk's salary for the next financial year to allow for an increase.

4.2 It was noted that an increase on the present precept of £5,600 by approximately 3.57% to £5,800 will enable the parish council to balance the budget and provide for a small surplus. It was resolved to approve the final budget and the precept amount of £5,800.

4.3 Resolved: The budget and to request the precept of £5,800 for the financial year 2022-2023 from the Forest of Dean District Council.

Item 5. Any Other Business.

5.1 The date of the next meeting was agreed on Monday 14 February 2022. It was resolved to revisit the internal auditor's report for the current year at this meeting, to ensure that all necessary actions have been taken before the year end.

5.2 Mr Mark Hargreaves will be co-opted onto the parish council at this meeting.

5.3 Provisional dates for the April meeting were agreed as 11 or 25 April, depending on the suitability of the date for the finalising of the accounts and preparation for internal audit.

5.4 Cllr Harding will register the parish council for a beacon on the evening of the Platinum Jubilee beacons lightings on Thursday 2 June 2022. Councillor Eastabrook has obtained a number of trees free of charge to be planted at the village hall for the Platinum Jubilee.

Meeting ended: 8.00 pm.

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