



Theydon Bois Parish Council

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Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER

Clerk to the Council: Jennifer Endean
Responsible Financial Officer: Julia Gale

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Theydon Bois Parish Council held at Theydon Bois Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Thursday 17th November 2022.

Councillors Present: Cllrs Hannibal, Gooch, Burn, Wood and Purkiss.
Apologies: Cllr Amos and Blake.
Officers Present: Mrs Julia Gale .
Members of the public None

352. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Amos and Blake.

353. Confirmation of Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

APPROVED – Cllr Purkiss asked for an amendment to item 343 in the minutes relating to Fingerposts. He asked that the figure be shown as £1500, not £920, as this doesn't include installation. Cllr Hannibal amended the figure in the minutes and signed the amended sheet.

354. Disclosure of Interests with regard to items on the Agenda

(Existence of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or existence and nature of Other Pecuniary Interest or a Non-Pecuniary Interest). The Council has adopted the Essex Public Law Partnership Code of Conduct).

None

355. Public participation with regard to items on the Agenda.

None.

356. Discussion to agree a budget and Precept figure for 2022/23 to put before Full Council.

The committee asked the Finance Officer to go through each line of the proposed Budget to justify the sums shown. This was done and the following amendments made:

1. Hedge Cutting in the Cemetery reduced to £2000 in line with last year.
2. Epping Forest District Council Grass Cutting amended to £3000 in line with this year.
3. CCTV equipment costs amended to £5000 in line with expected costs of replacement cameras and £1500 added to an Ear Marked Reserve to go towards future expected outlay.

4. Planning advice increased to £25000 and Project support costs of £20000 eliminated.
5. Newsletter costs removed entirely as this is to be taken away from the Parish Council and operated separately in future, similarly Newsletter income.

The rest of the Budget was agreed as presented. This includes a 10% increase in the Infrastructure Budget to allow for increased costs of materials.

After a discussion it was agreed to seek an increase in the Precept of 10% to reflect the increased budgetary costs. This will be put before the Full Council Meeting for approval in January.

357. Any Other Urgent Business for report (without decision)

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item. The Local Government Act 1972 section 12 10 (2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

358. Date of next Finance Meeting. No date was set due to insufficient business.

Cllr Hannibal closed the meeting at 19.40 PM.

Signed on behalf of the Committee as a true record

Councillor Mike Hannibal Chairman.....Dated 19th April 2023