

Widdington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Present Chair Ian Southcott, Cllr Maggs Webb, Cllr Chris Firmin, Cllr Teresa Petchey, Cllr. Lynn Harris, Cllr. Steve Smith, Cllr. Albert Edwards

In Attendance 0 members of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

01.23.01EM CHAIR`S WELCOME

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

01.23.02EM APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were not received.

01.23.03EM DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

01.23.04EM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

None

01.23.05EM PRECEPT DEMAND: TAX YEAR 2023/2024

In 2022/23 Widdington Parish Council Budget = ~ £30,000 and precept = £10,000 (a reduction of 60% on 2021/22 precept) and we have subsequently reduced our reserves substantially. Since 2018/2019 tax year the precept (and total income) has been lower than budget/expenses as we've utilised reserves to meet costs (as our costs have generally increased). Therefore for 2023/24 all budgeted costs and potential judicial review costs will be met with the precept.

The proposed precept normalises the two tax years 2022/23 and 2023/24 and rebalances an extremely, low precept demand in 2022/23 tax year.

Chair Southcott Proposed £50K precept, seconded by Cllr. Firmin – unanimously voted for by all councillors.

If circumstances change with the judicial review between latest possible date the council have agreed a request will be made to reduce the precept demand.

Clerk to find out last date and procedure for amendments can be made to UDC for the precept demand.

01.23.06EM COMMEMORATIVE TREE

2 quotes received from reputable tree suppliers. Chair Southcott proposed the cheaper option leaving some money for protection. Cllr. Edwards seconded. Council – unanimously agreed.

01.23.07EM OTHER BUSINESS – Cllr. Edwards raised Ash work on Cornell's Lane, date will be provided beforehand. Clerk to alert village and councillors of date when provided.

Meeting closed at 19:55