

**COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES  
WORKING GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Via ZOOM**

**Present:** Cllrs. Marsh, Silsby & Verner  
Mrs. Linda Randall – Clerk

**Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.

**1. Dispensations to allow Councillors to discuss matters pertaining to the Precept**

With the authority granted to her, the **Clerk** will grant dispensations to Councillors to discuss matters pertaining to the Precept.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the **Chairman** outside the meeting.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- The Terms of Reference were updated to include ad hoc meetings
- Online banking was discussed. **Clerk** would speak to the bank regarding authorities before any agreement would take place.
- **Clerk** advised all water invoices had now been received. An agreement was in place with the Tennis Club. The committee would now wait for next invoice when further discussion would take place.
- **Cllr Verner** had investigated a new telephone and broadband supplier, and her findings would now be presented to full Council with a view to negotiating a new contract.
- **CC38** Litter and Dog bin emptying - changing some bins to larger size would be considered at a future Parish Council Meeting.
- **CC61** Allotments/WAG maintenance – It was agreed for the budget to remain at £1800.00.
- **CC64** NDP – More money may be required. This would be updated and represented.
- **CC74** Cold Ash Fete Committee – It was agreed that any monies needed for a Beacon for the Platinum Jubilee would be taken from CIL money.

**7. Draft Budget 2022/23**

The draft budget was discussed:

**CC1,3&4** Clerk's Salary – Clerk would send Cllr Marsh latest pay scales.

**CC10** Telephone & Broadband – In view of the probability of changing supplier the amount was lowered to £400.00

**CC60** Southend Grounds Maintenance- It was agreed to increase this to £600.00.

**6. Parish Council Charges**

Working Group members reviewed charges and proposed that no increase was necessary at the moment.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.44pm*

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Chairman

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Date