

**COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES  
WORKING GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON Wednesday 30th November 2022  
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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the **Chairman** outside the meeting.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- **Clerk** advised she had spoken to WBC regarding expected invoices for current year and had updated Budget spreadsheet accordingly.
- **Clerk** would call BALC to gain further information regarding starting salary for new clerk.

**6. Charity Return**

Members discussed the Charity return, it was agreed to speak with the auditor to gain a better understanding on what expenditure and receipts could be included in the return. Clerk would organise a meeting.

**7. Cold Ash Parish Council Charges**

Councillors discussed the current charges for the use of recreation ground. It was proposed that the children's football team's charges would remain at 40.00 per date of matches played. It was proposed that any adult teams using the recreation ground would incur an increase to 30.00 per game from 25.00. It was proposed that the cricket midweek charge for games would increase from 12.50 to 15.00. It was proposed that due to increase in water charges allotments using water would

incur an increase to 20.00 per year for water usage. These proposals would be presented to full council at the next Parish Council meeting.

8. **Bank Accounts**

Discussions were still ongoing with regards to changing the bank account. The Lloyds bank was currently looking like the better option, **Clerk** would call them to discuss if the amount proposed to be moved was within the allowed limit. .

9. **Draft Budget 2023-2024**

The final draft of the budget paperwork would now be presented to all Councillors at the next Parish Council meeting on 13th December

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06pm*

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Chairman

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Date