

Goudhurst Parish Council



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 19 December 2022 at 6.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Antony Harris (Chairman), Phil Kirkby, David Knight and Geoff Mason.
Mrs Claire Reed, Clerk; Mrs Panetta Horn, RFO and Rebecca Barden, Assistant Clerk.

1. **Apologies** were accepted from Cllr Jill Andrew (unwell). Cllr Craig Broom was absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Phil Kirkby declared an interest in the project relating to ventilation at the Chequer pavilion.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 17 October 2022, and previously distributed to members via Board Intelligence, be accepted as a correct record.
4. **Budget for 2023 – 24**
Members considered the latest draft budget for 2023-24 and made some minor amendments; a revised draft budget will be prepared by the RFO for the meeting of council in January. It was **agreed** to recommend to council that the amended budget for 2023-24 be resolved. **Action: RFO, Clerk to agenda.** It was **noted** that a meeting will be held in January to discuss the terms of the new maintenance contracts.
5. **Precept for 2023-24**
It was **agreed** to recommend to council that the precept be increased by between 3.2 and 3.9%.
6. **The awarding of grants for 2023-24**
This was not discussed.
7. **Date of the next meeting**
No decision was made.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Claire Reed
Clerk