



**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee held in the Committee Room
Community Centre, Eskdale Road on Tuesday 7th December 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors G Stewart (Chair), J Robinson, G Shirvastava and P Wood.
Clerk: Tony Skeggs Residents: None.

F21/18	APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Clark.	
F21/19	DECLARATION OF INTEREST – No new declarations had been received.	
F21/20	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 th October 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
F21/21	2021/22 MONITORING REPORT The clerk presented the budget monitoring report up to the 30 th November. After considering the current position, the report was NOTED .	
F21/22	2022/23 BUDGET The clerk introduced the amended budget for 2022/23 and went through a few individual budget headings which had been updated since the last meeting. The figures around the Marsh Lane burial ground had been refined following discussions with consultants CDS. The budget did include possible upfront costs from HS2 for loss of income and future maintenance costs, which needed to be discounted when deciding the precept level for 2022/23. The figures for further Neighbourhood Plan related work still needed to be finalised. The result of the above meant that 2022/23 budget was showing a net deficit figure of £44,000. Buckinghamshire Council had released the tax base information for 2022/23. The figure for the council was 2,776.93, an increase of 130.42 on the current year. This meant that if the council tax band D rate was kept at £65.13 then the precept would be £180,860, an increase of £8,510. The meeting felt that there was a need to increase the precept further to give the parish council scope to engage in larger projects. Several percentage increases were considered ranging from 0% to 20%. It was proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Wood that a 9.75% increase be recommended to Full Council. This was unanimously AGREED . This would result in a precept of £198,500 and a band D council tax of £71.48. This equated to a yearly increase of £6.35.	
F21/23	COUNCIL POLICIES The chairman presented the Health and Safety Policy that needed to be reviewed annually. After consideration it was felt that no changes were required and so the current policy was AGREED .	
F21/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting would be on the 8 th February 2022.	

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____ 2022