



MESSING CUM INWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm in Messing Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Suckling (Chair), Patten, Ward, Watson, Dey, Harding.
 Also in attendance: Kate Palmer, Clerk to the Council

1	151/22	Apologies for Absence – To resolve to accept apologies from any members not present. Cllr Longman was not at the meeting; no apologies had been received.
2	152/22	To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 th of January 2022. RESOLVED: To defer approving the minutes to the next meeting to allow more time to consider them.
3	153/22	Declarations of Interest – Members to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any Agenda item. None
4	154/22	Public Participation (<i>Maximum of three minutes per person/group to make representations to the Parish Council, to a total of 15mins</i>). None
5	155/22	Finances: i) To consider all predicted expenditure for 2022/23. Members had a robust and detailed review of predicted expenditure for the year ahead, considering all income streams available. It was discussed in detail how to keep costs down while paying for essential services and costs. Members discussed the rate of inflation that is currently sat at 5.4% and agreed it was likely to increase. A review of income took place ensuring all possible ways to offset the expenditure were in place. Allotment rents were considered, and members agreed that an increase of rent was necessary to support the budget.

		<p>ii) To agree the budget for Financial Year 2022/23. Members considered the current predicted costs and were of the view that at end of year they could commit £5,000 to the reserve account to increase the robustness of the Council's finances and meet the requirements of the Audit and Accountability Regulations as advised by the Clerk. If predicted balances at year end are accurate, then £3,000 of existing balances could be used to offset some of the expenditure and reduce the precept for 2022/23. Cllr Harding proposed the budget be set at £26,805 to cover all agreed items of expenditure against income, allowing for a predicted rise in inflation to 6%. It was seconded by Cllr Patten, all in favour. RESOLVED: To set the annual budget at £26,805.00.</p> <p>iii) To agree the Precept for Financial Year 2022/23. Further detailed discussion took place to ensure the precept was set as realistically as possible a per the budget agreed above. It was proposed by Cllr Harding to set the Precept at £21,050, Seconded by Cllr Patten. All in favour. RESOLVED: TO set the annual precept for 2022/23 at £21,050.</p>
6	156/22	<p>To consider and decide on the quotes received for the orchard path. Members discussed all quotes and agreed the required specification of works to meet the criteria of the grant being awarded by Wise Energy. The path was to be from sustainable material in keeping with the environment. The quote that most met the criterion was also the most competitive. It was proposed by Cllr Harding that it be accepted, seconded by Cllr Ward, all in favour. RESOLVED: To accept the quote as discussed and instruct the work to go ahead as soon as possible.</p>
7	157/22	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 15th February, Messing Village Hall Meeting Room, 7.30pm.</p>

Meeting Closed 21:39

Signed

Chairman

Date