

**MINUTES OF THE ST NEOT PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, ST NEOT ON MONDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Councillors C Smith (Chairman), H Bunt and N O'Neill.

Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk/RFO)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors T Thrussell and T Hooper.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30th November 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30th November 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Draft Precept for 2022/2023

To discuss figures for the Precept for 2022/23

The Clerk produced figures detailing the end of year accounts for 2021/2022, the current year's Precept, the Income and Expenditure as at 31st October 2021 and an estimation of expenditure until 31st March 2022. She also produced figures detailing a draft proposal for the Precept for 2022/2023. The draft precept was considered and compared with the other information provided. In terms of income and expenditure, each item listed was discussed and the anticipated income and expenditure justified. Considerable discussion took place on the allocation of earmarked reserves to specific community projects. These have been detailed on the precept figures. It was noted that inflation is currently 2.2%. It was proposed by Councillor H Bunt and seconded by Councillor N O'Neill that a formal recommendation to raise the precept by approximately 1.5% for 2022/23, taking the precept from £32,320 to £32,800, would be made to members at the next full Parish Council meeting. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

4. Parish Council Rent Charges and Salaries

To review current Parish Council rent charges for the Pavillion, Goonzion Downs and Cott Yard and to review the expenses and salaries paid to the cleaner and clerk

It was noted that the Clerk is paid at spinal point 33 which will increase in accordance with the NJC scales which are inflationary linked. It was noted that

she is also paid administration expenses for the use of her home as an office at £25/month and for the use of her home telephone and broadband at £15/month plus pension contributions, the latter being determined by Cornwall Council. It was agreed that the charge for the Pavillion at £10/session and the rent charged to the Post Office remain unaltered as will the rent for Cott Yard. It was agreed that the rent charges for Goonzion Downs be increased by approximately 4%: Mr and Mrs Wilton's rent from £124.50 to £129.50, Jane William's rent from £25.10 to £26.10 and Adrian Coplestone's rent from £12.50 to £13.00. It was noted that the cleaner is currently paid £9.00/hour and it was agreed that this will be increased to £10.00/hour from April 2022. It was proposed by Councillor H Bunt and seconded by Councillor N O'Neill that formal recommendations as outlined in this minute are made to members at the next full Parish Council meeting. All councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

5. Date of next meeting

To be arranged

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.