

COTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 25 January 2023 held in Cotton Village Hall

Councillors Present: Sarah Wenban (SW) (Chairman), Paul Howlett (PH) (Vice Chairman), Peter Gibbs (PG), Sue Cox (SC), Trudy Winder (TMW) and Trevor Woods (TW).

In Attendance : David Rayner (DR) (Cotton Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public in attendance.

250123/01 **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Beryl Ellis (BE) offered her apologies for absents.

250123/02 All Councillors accepted BE apologies.

250123/03 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation considerations:** There were no declarations of interest or dispensations to consider.

Precept:

250123/04 The draft budget was discussed, and SW explained that the object was to have a minimal increase given the general issues in the country at the moment. After discussions it was decided to remove the Speedwatch expense and if batteries were needed, they could be paid for from reserves. This brought the increase in the Precept down to £70, a 2.4% increase. On this basis the budget was approved unanimously.

250123/05 **Any other matters for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda:** CIL money position and projects for its use. General First Air training for the village. We should publish the budget information for Cotton in a simple way once it's all agreed.

250123/06 Councillors noted the date of the next meeting is 8 February.

250123/07 The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Signed: 

Date: 8. 2. 2023