**Minutes of the Parish Council Precept Meeting held in the Community Centre at 6:40pm on December 5th 2022.**

**Present** Chairman: Cllr. J Metcalfe Cllr. J. Emsley

Cllr. J Mckenzie Cllr. D. McGonnigal

Cllr. S. Brash Cllr .A .Weller

Cllr. J. Owen

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr. M. Howson, Cllr. J. Walker.
2. **To review effectiveness of system of internal controls** - the current system of internal controls was reviewed.
3. **To review staff salaries** - The Joint Management Committee had recommended would consider at the next Joint Management Committee in January. It was agreed that the Community fund would be increased by the current rate of inflation as previously resolved by the Parish Council. Proposed John Metcalfe, Seconded Cllr. Emsley.
4. **To review and monitor current fund balances** - A note of the current fund balances together with an estimate of their levels at the end of the financial year had been prepared by the Clerk and circulated to members at the meeting. Councillors discussed the details in regard to large increases for utilities, insurance and contractors charges and resolved that an increase of 8.11% was required.
5. **To set the Precept for the financial year ending 31 March 2024** - after considering the budget figures provided by the Clerk it was proposed by Cllr. Metcalfe, seconded by Cllr. Emsley and agreed by the meeting that the precept for 2023/24 should be increased to £109650. This would be split as follows: the General Fund would increase from £52000 to £59350 and the Lighting Fund increase from £15000 to £16000. The Community Fund would have a budget of £33000 for the coming year, an increase of £1500. The S137 Fund would be £1300.

There being no further business the Chairman concluded the Precept Meeting and commenced the Parish Council meeting at 7pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Signed……………………………………….. J. Metcalfe (Chairman)