

## North Petherton Town Council

Minutes of the informal meeting of the Finance and Development Committee of North Petherton Town Council held via Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Cllr P Spencer Chairman

Cllr L Parchment, Cllr A Bradford, Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr J Tylor, and Cllr W Revans

In attendance: Mr R T Latham (Town Clerk)

**FD01/2022 Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs D Bunce

**FD02/2022 Declarations of interests.** There were no declarations.

**FD03/2022 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising

**FD04/2022 Budget and medium term financial plan 2022/23 and future years** Cllr Spencer presented his proposals for the budget for the next financial year and plans for future years. He reported that there had been a 5% increase in the tax base and his proposal was based on a further 5% increase in the council's tax rate. He anticipated that there would be a more significant increase in 2023/24 as a result of local government reorganisation. Members discussed the merits of having a higher increase in 2022/23 to smooth out this effect.

**Resolved:** that the Council be recommended to set a precept of £177,800 for the next financial year equivalent to a 5% increase in the Band D council tax, and that Cllr Spencer be thanked for his work in preparing the budget.

**FD05/2022 Grant applications.** Members considered grant requests from Moorland Village Hall and North Petherton PCC.

**Resolved:** that the Council be recommended to award a grant of £1,500 to the Moorland Village Hall, and that the request from North Petherton PCC be referred to Council without a recommendation.

**FD08/2022 Items for payment.** The following payments were approved:

Peter Parfitt	£4,330.00	Grave digging
Rialtas Business Systems	£148.80	Software maintenance
Somerset CC	£60.00	Dillington Advertising (vacancy)
Water2business	£52.32	Water Allotments
Purnells	£51.60	Christmas lights certificates

N Stephens	£1,500.00	Christmas trees
EDF	£298.81	Electricity Library
NPPFCT		
Sedgemoor DC	£285.60	Flailing hedges

**FD07/2022**    **Matters of report.**The Clerk reported that he had been notified that Sedgemoor DC were offering to provide trees to local councils. It was agreed that he should accept the Council's allocation.  
Cllr Revans raised concerns that some of the new dog bins provided by the Council were not being emptied. The Clerk was asked to look into this.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm