

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall TUESDAY, 20th December, 2022

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong (TAA) Hodgson (RH), Hogg (BH), Mark (TM), Matthews (SM), Mounsey (TMO), Shaw (GS), and Wilkinson (WW).

CLERK/RFO and 0 Members of the Public.

111/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies for absence.

112/22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - The clerk had received no requests since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

113/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

114/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No members of the public in attendance

115/22 MINUTES OF MEETINGS – Council had received and subsequently approved for authorisation and publication the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th November 2022

116/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS – The Clerk produced and distributed the up-to-date Bank balances and will circulate the Reconciliation, dated 30/11/2022 for Council members who authorised the payment of expenditure detailed at the meeting.

117/22 VILLAGE GREEN – grass cutting – the Clerk reported that a number of tender quotations had been received and after much discussion it was determined to offer the Contract to Greenteam Ground Services and Council instructed the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. All contract details to be kept on file and maybe utilised in any future arrangements.

118/22 2023 PRECEPT – the Clerk then updated Council members on the situation regarding the Budget for 2023/204 and it was agreed that the Precept could now be set at a 7.5% increase (together with a £500 sum towards the possible charge for Election costs) making a total of £9,100 for the Precept.

119/22 CORRESPONDENCE – Council was asked to consider a request to join with Kingwater Parish Council in the provision of a commemorative coin to recognise the Coronation of King Charles III. This was agreed for all individual's in the Parish up to the age of 18 upon request. (This would be similar to the way it was handled for the late Queens Jubilee) GS Reminded members of the Open Meeting that had been called by the Village Hall Management Committee to discuss possible events regarding the Coronation and to be aware that Council should be involved in what is planned and may be asked for a financial contribution. This was noted.

120/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 9th 2023 Walton Village Hall at 7.00pm.