

Girton Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council
 Extraordinary Full Council
 Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7pm
 St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton**

Agenda No.	Item Description	Action/Power
	<p>Present: Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Cockley (Vice-Chair), Cllr Carney, Cllr Dashwood, Cllr de Lacey, Cllr Griffin, Cllr Kettle, Cllr Muston, Cllr Rodger</p> <p>In attendance: Yvonne Murray (Clerk), Angie Vidler (Assistant Clerk)</p> <p>Members of the public: One</p>	
22/12	Welcome from the Committee Chairman	
22/13	<p>APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr de Lima (personal)</p> <p>Cllr Godby & Cllr Thurrold were absent</p>	
22/14	<p>MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA</p> <p>No declaration of interest.</p>	
22/15	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>The member of the public introduced himself to Council</p>	
22/16	OTHER MATTERS	For decision
22/16.1	<p>MOTION: Councillors are asked to discuss the options put forward by the Finance Committee for the precept for Girton and to approve one of these options for submission to South Cambs District Council (SCDC) by 31/01/2022.</p> <p>APPROVAL: <i>Council approved a 6.5% increase to the precept for 2022-2023 following discussion and presentation of headline information on Accounts. This makes the total precept request for 2022-2023 an amount of £139,648 (Precept 3031/22 £130,956), an increase of £4.20 on a Band D property. Proposed by Cllr Williams (Chair), seconded by Cllr de Lacey, Approval of Motion confirmed (unanimous)</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS: Cllr Muston stated that Council need to consider residents who could not afford big increases. Cllr Williams suggested that for this year we should avoid increasing the precept to >£140K which would need a detailed split of our accounting figures which was not yet accurately available.</p> <p>Cllr Williams proposed that the precept increase should be in line with inflation which currently stands at over 5% and is projected to rise to 7%. An increase of 6.5% would be appropriate, therefore. Cllr Muston stressed the need to be proactive and transparent in communicating with Girton residents on allocation of surplus funds to reserves for use by the village. Cllr Williams commented that this was a feature of the Finance Report at the</p>	Approved

	<p>Yvonne Murray (clerk) gave an overview of the Local Council Award Scheme and the purpose and benefits of the Bronze Award.</p> <p>Cllr Muston confirmed her support for this initiative. She confirmed that she has signed up for three NALC training courses and that Councillors need to be well-informed to carry out Parish Council duties and to communicate the work of Parish Councils to our residents.</p> <p>Cllr Dashwood stressed the need to get the timing right so that Councillors can gain a better understanding of the scheme and to ensure that Council has the time to focus on achieving the Bronze award and being in good shape for the application in May.</p>	
MEETING ENDED: 8pm		