

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stiffkey Parish Council held on
Saturday 12th February 2022 at 10am at Stiffkey Village Hall**

Present: Alexandra Hooper (Chairman)
Ian Curtis
Hannah Darby
Philip Harrison
Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk

Also present: None.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Smallridge and David Clifton.

2. Public Forum

None.

3. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

None.

4. To suspend Standing Order 7a and 7b to allow a review of the budget and precept 2022/23 in light of new information received.

It was **agreed** to suspend Standing Order 7a and 7b to allow the budget and precept to be reconsidered, proposed by Alexandra Hooper, seconded by Phil Harrison, all in favour.

5. Review Precept and Budget 2022/23

The Chairman reported to the meeting that an election had been called for the casual vacancy and that the Council did not have enough in reserves to pay for this. The District Council had indicated a budget of £1,350 including polling cards, it was noted that this paid for venue hire, polling staff (venue and count), printing of polling materials, postal votes out and returned, officer administration and any other costs associated with the election. It was **agreed** to add £1,600 to the precept to cover the cost of an election including a contingency and additional administration, bringing the precept to £7,104 which was a 37.80% increase, Band D £54.06, proposed by Alexandra Hooper, seconded by Ian Curtis, all in favour. Any unspent funds from that additional precept would be put into a future election reserve, as this could happen again. The Clerk's was asked to claim four hours overtime and £35 mileage to attend the February additional meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Stiffkey Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

CHAIRMAN