

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY
ON TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT Councillor Tagg (Chairman)

Councillors: Archer, Kenyon, Renwick and Tite

Others – E Smith (Clerk) R Bullimore (Deputy Clerk) M Gazur (Treasurer)

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144/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Landall (Illness)

145/21 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations

146/21 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of members interests

147/21 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING

RESOLVED received and approved as a true record Minutes 135/21 – 143/21 of the Finance Meeting held on 14 June 2021.

148/21 BUDGET 2022/23

Treasurer noted that National Insurance Contributions (NIC) would be increasing by 1.5%.

Deputy Clerk reported that the allotments water meters had been changed at a cost of £50 per meter this would be offset by increasing water hire fee from £5 to £10 pa.

Deputy Clerk reported that Eckington Festival have received a grant for £1,000 for an event which has now been cancelled for 2 years running due to COVID.

Treasurer reported that bank charges/fees are included in the administration costs.

RECOMMEND Administration Heading – Clerk to investigate photocopier options, increase office supplies (1) to £550.00.

Employment Heading – Cemetery Renumeration (30) needs increasing to add additional hours for next years summer period. Civic Renumeration (30) needs adjusting due to potentially taking on a full-time chef for the Civic Centre to increase to £40,000. Increase Buildings/village maintenance (32) to £15,000. Increase Tax and NIC (33) to £32,000.

Vehicles Heading – Treasurer to check amount in for insurance (40) as this may be included in (13).

Civic Centre – Increase Cleaning Materials (53) and New Furniture/Equipment (54) to total £3,000. Increase Replacement Equipment (55) to £6,000.

Marsh Lane – Increase new equipment (72) to £4,000.

Renishaw Community Centre – Increase general for decoration costs (75) to £3,000.

Cemetery – Treasurer to look at fuel as this is included under Cemetery and Vehicles. Ear marked reserve for a new tractor needs increasing to £10,000.

Property Repairs – Change heading name to Other Property/ Asset Repairs

Playing Fields – Contractors/ Hire fees (104) needs to be increased to £29,000. Increase Play Equipment (105) to £30,000.

Renishaw – Treasurer to include contractor fees paid recently.

Environmental Matters – Hanging Baskets (120).

Contingency Reserves – Play Equipment Fund to be increased to £40,000.

Cemetery Income – Treasurer to include sale of the cabin.

Precept to increase by 4% after tax base adjustment.

149/21 RESERVE SUMMARY AT SEPTEMBER 2021

RECOMMEND Reallocation of unallocated reserves will be vired to Admin – New/replacement equipment change heading to Halls new/replacement equipment. This is to be increased to £15,000.

Cemetery is to be increased to £10,000.

Playing Fields to be increased to £137,585.

150/21 CIVIC CENTRE AND CEMETERY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED noted reports.

151/21 RENISHAW AND SPINKHILL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED noted reports.

152/21 PARISH CLERK TO BE ADDED TO COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS

RECOMMEND Treasurer to add Parish Clerk to all Council bank accounts. Treasurer to apply for a post office paying in card.

153/21 PARISH CLERK TO OBTAIN CREDIT CARD

RECOMMEND Treasurer to complete necessary forms to apply for a Parish Clerk credit card through Unity Trust Bank.

The Meeting closed at 11.28am

Signed

Chairman

Date 29 November 2021