



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 5.30pm  
Parish Office, Great Missenden**

**Present:** Cllr M Johnstone (Chair)  
Cllrs A Hewett, K Pither, S Rhodes, V Martin  
**Apologies:** Cllrs C Baxter  
**Also present:** Jane Hennessy, clerk

**1. Declarations of Interest – None**

**2. Budget preparation 2022-23**

Cllr Mike Johnstone, together with the clerk, have been working on the first draft of next year's proposed budget. Actual spending for the first six months of this financial year have been prepared and anticipated spending and projects for 2022/23 were presented for consideration.

The meeting reviewed the first draft budget, made alterations and the committee recommended it for presenting at the council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Items agreed by the committee:-

- Updated the name in the reserves to Prestwood Recreation Ground, to include possible maintenance and phase 2 developments
- Additional line added for investigation into allotment boundaries and any rectifications required at £5,000.
- Reduction in devolved services budget to £5,000
- Increased the Christmas lights in the budget for Great Missenden and Prestwood up to £2,000, if required.
- Additional £200 added for Buryfield hedge maintenance
- Additional Budget line added for room hire for meetings, £1,000 – to be discussed at next GMMC meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Grant allocation reduced to £4,000 for the GMMC, pending discussion with GMMC committee.
- Additional reserves were earmarked for CIL, GMMC flat roof, fence repairs around the Link Road and Ballinger car park.

A summary of each budget category will be prepared as an aid for the discussions at the-December meeting. A further F&GP committee meeting has been arranged on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm to discuss any amendments suggested at the council meeting.

A full list of the draft itemised budget is available for all councillors on request.

**Overall:** An increase in our precept of **£4,679** which is an increase of **1.74%**

Pending further discussion on budget items for repair shop/ GMMC hall hire and grants/ Neighbourhood Plans/Community Board Projects

**3. Any other business – none; the meeting closed at 6.50pm**

**4. Date of the Next Meeting – 16.12.21 @ 5.30pm**

