

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Shotley Parish Council held on Tuesday, 1st February 2022, at 7:15 pm, at the Shotley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Wrinch (Chairman), C Mills (Vice-chairman), S Pallant, B Powell, R Green, J Briscoe, M Williams, C Smith, T Ingram, and Mrs D Bedwell (Parish Clerk).

Public gallery: One member of the public.

SPC/22/16: To receive apologies for absence: There were no apologies for absence.

SPC/22/17: Public participation at meetings (Meeting open to allow members of the public to speak): There were no comments from the public gallery.

SPC/22/18: Declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda: There were no declarations of interests.

SPC/22/19: Finance and administration:

- a) To approve accounts for first and second quarters 2021/2022: The detailed accounts and accompanying RFO reports were considered by members. It was resolved to approve both sets of accounts.
- b) To consider and approve the budget for 2022/2023: Following due consideration, it was resolved to approve the budget for 2022/2023, as recommended by the RFO.
- c) To consider and approve the precept for 2022/2023: Members were mindful of the various spending increases that were likely to affect a considerable proportion of Shotley Parishioners in the coming months. Consideration was also given to the amount of under-spend which would be transferable to general reserves at the end of the current financial year, and how that could be used to absorb many of the projected cost-centre increases for next year, rather than an additional increase on the precept.

Due to the small increase in tax base, the Parish Council would be able to apply a marginal “in real terms” increase to the actual precept, with a resulting nil percentage increase year-on-year. It was, therefore, resolved, to set the precept at £65,630 (sixty-five thousand, six hundred and thirty pounds).

SPC/22/20: Date of next meeting: 17th February (full Council): Noted.

With no further matters to be transacted, the meeting ended at 7.35pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____