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Minutes of the Finance Working Party meeting held via Zoom on Monday 15th November 2021. 7.00pm

1. To discuss budget for 2022/23

The Clerk had prepared some budget figures for discussion. The basic running costs for the Parish Council comes in currently at around £12,260 a year. This amount does not allow for anything other than the day to day running costs of the Parish Council.

It was accepted that we have spent quite a lot in the children's play area this year, approximately £5,500 and on the water pipe for the playing field, approximately £850. Taking these in to account it is estimated that this year we would have spent over £18,000.

Next year it is anticipated that the grass contractor will take on more works in the village, Troston woods may need some work and that potentially the Parish Council may need to carry out some tree works. To allow for these works it was proposed we precept for £14,000 for 2022/23

2. To discuss precept amount for 2022/23

A precept of £14,000 was agreed, this represents an increase of £5.83, a year, on a band D property council tax bill.

- 3. The purchase of an extra VAS for the village was discussed. Funding for this could be sought from the District and County Councillors. This will go on the January agenda for further discussion.
- 4. Options for first aid and defibrillator training was discussed. This will go on the January agenda for further discussion.
- 5. Cllr John may know of someone who would be able to do some work to improve the appearance of the Parish Council website.