

# Little Smeaton Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of meeting held on December 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 2.00pm

Venue: The Playground, Little Smeaton.

Present: Cllrs Ivey, Hancock, Atkinson

Apologies: Cllr Brown

1. The Chairman opened the meeting, explaining that this was being held in the open air for safety of councillors, and as an emergency measure should further covid restrictions be announced; so as to lawfully agree the precept for 2022/3.
2. Apologies from Cllr Brown who was unwell.  
As Cllr Brown is also the clerk, minutes were taken by the Chair.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Precept.** Councillors considered the budget requirements for the year 2022/3 and agreed to raise the precept by 30%.  
This will be an increase of approx: £9 per annum for a band D property [from £31.11 to £40.43]  
Proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Ivey. All in favour.  
  
It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and agreed by all, that a leaflet be delivered to each house which would explain the budget and why an increase was needed.
  - This needs to be actioned prior to Council Tax Bills being received.Note. Actual Budget still to be agreed. Cllrs Atkinson and Ivey to identify where savings might be made in order to match proposed spend to available income
5. **Delegated Authority to the Clerk.** In view of the current situation surrounding rapid spread of omicron covid virus, and Government failure to allow remote meetings, councillors considered how to proceed lawfully in the event of further restrictions being introduced. The precept was agreed as above. For all other business see resolution below.

Resolution: Per advice received from YLCA, the Parish Council re-confirms its previous resolution [20.03.2020] to delegate decision-making to the clerk, in consultation with councillors, should the Council be unable to hold meetings due to Coronavirus restrictions being imposed.

For avoidance of doubt, it is the Clerk who will make the decision, however, should the Clerk become indisposed the Chair and Vice Chair are delegated to make urgent decisions.  
Proposed by Cllr Ivey and seconded by Cllr Hancock. All in favour.

6. The Chair introduced an additional emergency agenda item which had come to her attention the day before. Councillors discussed the recent burglary and how to work with both fellow councillors in Kirk Smeaton and other agencies, aiming to keep all residents as safe as possible.  
Cllr Atkinson to respond to correspondence from KSPC with thoughts from above discussion.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm.