# LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Mr P Robinson (chairman), Mrs C Cowap, and Mr G Todd.

**In attendance:** Mr G Cookson – clerk to the council Mrs E Moore Dutton

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| **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | **APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were received from Graham Gordon.  **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.  **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  These were dealt with under the relevant parts of the agenda. |  |
| **4.** | 1. **PLANNING MATTERS**   There were no planning matters for the council to consider. |  |
| **6.**    **7.**  **8.** | **VILLAGE INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES** **Village Green**: a date has been set for early June for a Jubilee event the event and planning will start imminently.  **Village Hall**: nothing to report.  **Little Budworth Common**: the “Friends” are looking at organising working parties to tidy up parts of the Common.  **Little Budworth Charities:** nothing to report.   **Oulton Park Liaison Committee**: the Christmas lunch had, as always been very successful and thanks were recorded to MSV for their excellent fayre.  **Parish Plan:** nothing to report.  **Village amenities**: nothing to report.  **Planting** **team**; nothing specific to report but the council’s thanks for the autumn planting work were recorded.  **Highways**: Mill Lane/ Vicarage Lane surface in poor condition – reported to CWAC.  Some traffic management issues relating to the water treatment station project identified –taken up with UU.  Speed gun training to be undertaken in February.  Discussion on the position and number of speed roundels – to be taken-up with the highway authority.   **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**  There were no matters to report.  **FINANCE** **Precept 2022/23:** members reviewed the expenditure for 2021/22 and proposed expenditure for 2022/23. Having discussed this in detail it was agreed that the precept be set at £6900 for 2022/23. This represents an increase of ≈ 3% but that may not be the figure shown on council tax bills because of the way the local authority calculates the increase based on the number of Band D houses in the parish.  The following payments were authorised: G Cookson – salary January 2022 and council expenses November/ December 2021, electronic payment  Jamie Wright £340 December November, mowing and maintenance – electronic payment  Eaton Primary School (Sandstone Trust) – £100, donation, electronic payment.  It was also reported that United Utilities had generously made a donation of £7000 towards a number of projects which were currently taking place in the village. The council’s thanks to UU were recorded. |  |
| **9.** | **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 February. |  |