

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON Monday, 19th December 2022 at 7.00pm at Sopley Parish Hall, Priest's Lane, Sopley.

In Attendance: Chairman Shutler, Cllr Langford, Cllr Vines, Cllr Partridge and the Clerk Katie Hughes.

The Minutes were confirmed of the Finance Committee held on the 4^{th} November, 2021. The Minutes were approved by the Finance Committee and duly signed by the Chair.

The Council's Financial Regulations and associated protocols including the Financial Risk Assessment, Fidelity Guarantees and Bank Transfer Authority. The documents were circulated and approved by the Finance Committee and duly signed by the Chair.

The Parish Council's financial position at the 2022-2023 half-year was circulated and reviewed. **The findings were approved by Finance Committee and approved as correct.**

The draft budget proposals for the 2023-2024 financial year were reviewed and it was agreed that a 5% increase in Precept would be submitted to take into account inflation and increase in staffing costs. **The precept was agreed for 2023-2024 by the Finance Committee at £33,600.00.**

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