

**MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM  
18th NOVEMBER 2019 7.00PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Chairman: P Clark; Messrs: Martin and Rogers; Mrs L Payne

**Minute 164 Apologies:** Messrs Lansdale & Redway; Mesdames Martin & Wolf

**Minute 165 Declarations of Interest:** None declared

**Minute 166 Finance**

- (i) Budget 2020/21 – The committee reviewed the draft budget as presented by the RFO, minor adjustments to be made and final draft to be presented to next Full Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 for formal approval.
- (ii) Precept 2020/21 – The committee recommend to the Full Council to increase the precept by 4.84% to £100450.

2019/20 precept £89538 effect on Band D property £53.52.

2020/21 4.84% increase to £100450 effect on Band D property using tax base of 1790.04 (as advised by Chelmsford City Council) is £56.11 a cost of £1.08 per week per resident at Band D. (Yearly increase £2.59)

**Minute 167 Questions etc**

1. The Clerk asked whether a payment could be made to the solicitors acting for Chelmsford Diocese to renew the lease for Runwell Allotments. Response from Strutt & Parker with offer from the diocese to pay the sum but to claw it back in full via the rent agreement. Alternative options for the location of the allotments were discussed. It was felt the lease should be renewed at the current site and the payment issued. Further lease agreement to cover a 20 year period, rent increased in-line with RPI.
2. PC reported on the CCTV option from CCC.
3. JM asked if there was an alternative way to view planning applications at CCC. PC advised the system was still under review but requests could be made via the website.

Meeting closed 7.55pm