

## TIBBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF STRATEGY and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024, 6.30PM

at NEW VILLAGE HALL, VARDOE WAY, WR9 7TG

**Committee Members present:** Cllr Robbie Hazlehurst, Chair

Cllr Liz Morton

Cllr Helen Savage

Cllr Trevor Knight

Cllr Margaret Rowley

**Committee Members absent:** Cllr Sarah Harfield

**In attendance:** Rachel Hinton-Jones, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

**1. Chair's welcome.**

All were welcomed to the meeting.

**2. To receive and note apologies for absence.** Cllr Sarah Harfield

**3. Declarations of interest.**

None

**4. Written requests for dispensation.**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

**5. To hear from members of the public.** No public members present.

**6. To agree the minutes of the previous committee meeting held 09/11/2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held 09/11/2023 were **AGREED** a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

**7. To discuss and recommend where appropriate:**

**A. The SmartWater project and recommend uptake.**

It was reported that the village of has now reached 72.07% SmartWater registrations. Well done everybody involved with the rollout!

As a result the A1 signs have been ordered by the Police and Crime Commissioner with discussions taking place with Worcestershire Highways, on where the signs can be located.

**Post meeting note:** The signage is due to be installed on Thursday 8 February.

**8. Budget for 2024/25.**

a) Following the Budget setting meeting in <sup>h</sup> December 2023 the committee was presented with detailed information regarding the anticipated capital and revenue reserves for the start of the new financial year. Following a detail discussion it was agreed that the Parish Councils be recommended to set its budget for 2024-25 at £42,188 including the confirmed Council tax support grant of £711.00, an assumed contribution from Worcestershire County Council of £1,850 towards the cost of the Lenththsmen and a contribution from unallocated reserves of £2195.04. The net impact is a precept requirement of £37,432.72 which represents a 4% increase in the previous year's precept. However due to the change in Council Tax base figure which has reduced from £322.72 to £319.80 this will result in an increase of 4.9% based on Council Tax Band D.

b) The agreed Precept budget will result in a Band D charge of £117.05 on the 2024-25 Council Tax Demand, this is an increase of £5.52 (4.9%) compared with the current year's precept charge.

c) Return to be sent to Wychavon District Council no later than 26/01/2024.

**9. Items for discussion at next meeting.** To be advised.

**10. Date and time of next meeting.**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 6:30pm.

This meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Signed as a true record: .....

Date: .....