

Minutes of the Brewham Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022, at 7.30pm at The Old Red Lion, North Brewham

Present: David Dabinett (Parish Council Chairman), Patricia Stainton, Eddie Harper, Richard Hiscock, Robert Jackson & Christopher Saxton (Parish Councillors), Zena Dabinett, Avril Jackson, David Nye, Ric Rogers & Ann Saxton.

In attendance: Sue Price (Clerk to the Parish Council).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Christopher Saxton who joined the Parish Council following the May 2022 elections (there was no election in Brewham because only five candidates stood).

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from PCSO Tim Russell.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2021:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 11th May 2021 were reviewed. Patricia Stainton proposed and Eddie Harper seconded that they be approved and they were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Chairman's Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2022:**

The Chairman had circulated his Annual Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Patricia Stainton noted that there is also a post-box near Border.

4. **Accounts of the General Fund, the Burial Ground Fund and the Reserve Fund:**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to present the draft accounts, copies of which had been circulated and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

The Clerk reported that the year 2021/22 started with a balance of £3,053.16 and ended with a balance of £3,699.60

The precept was once again set at £4,000 with £3,00 being allocated to the General Fund and £500 to the Burial Ground Fund and £500 to the Reserve Fund because it was agreed it would be prudent to increase the reserves to £1,500, the sum held in previous years before it was necessary to use some for the repair to the Burial Ground wall in the year 2019/20.

Income for the year 2021/22 totalled £4,942.13 above the budgeted figure because once again the Burial Ground Fund received more income than anticipated – a total of £942. This is unlikely to be repeated in the current financial year. Interest on the two savings accounts was much reduced totalling 0.13p.

Expenditure for the year 2021/22 was £4,295.69, again slightly above budget mainly due to extra costs incurred for the Burial Ground mowing and maintenance.

The year therefore ended with a surplus of £646.44 and a year-end balance of £3,699.60 which is held in three funds:

The General Fund which at year-end had a balance of £1,979.12, the Burial Ground Fund a balance of £220.48 and the Reserve Fund a balance of £1500.00.

At the January 2022 meeting it was agreed that the precept should remain at £4,000 for the year commencing 1st April 2022. It is anticipated that, in the current financial year, there be will higher expenditure, estimated at just under £5,000, due mainly to the biennial publication of Below the Tower and increased costs for mowing the Burial Ground and the Common Land on Charcroft Hill.

There were no questions.

5. **Adoption of the Annual Report & Accounts:**

Robert Jackson proposed and Richard Hiscock seconded that the Annual Report and Accounts be adopted. This was unanimously agreed.

6. **Open Forum:**

There were no comments or questions and the meeting closed at 7.36pm.