**There was a remote meeting of Chawleigh Parish Council on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm held on ZOOM**

**Members Present:** Parish Councillors Steve Godley (Chairman); Daphne Cockram; Jan Flavin; Henry Martin; Stuart Swift; Andrea Huxley; Bert Batty; Chris Lynden.

**Also Present:** District Councillor Clive Eginton.

**In attendance:** Rob Martin, Locum Clerk

**No members of the general public**:

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**MINUTES:**

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES**  There were no councillor apologies |
| **2** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY)**  Non-pecuniary interests were declared by:   * The Chairman in relation to anything on the playing field * Cllr. Cockram in relation to anything on the playing field * Cllr. Flavin whose husband was involved with the EOPSS |
| **3** | **ELECTRONIC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  Due to the Corona virus pandemic and current Government guidelines the meeting was held remotely on the Zoom platform. |
| **4** | **PRECEPT & BUDGET 2021/2022**  The Chairman introduced the item and indicated that he had analysed what he believed were the essential items in the agenda. It was agreed that he should go through these one at a time and after suggestions from councillors that resulting budget should be agreed upon.  One other matter taken into account was that there was the potential of having to bear retrospective costs in relation to the previous Clerk, for which the General Reserve is to be maintained at an appropriate level. The potential of having to bear costs for the potential agreement with the EOPSS was discussed, but all agreed this would have to be at the cost of the society and not the Parish Council.  On a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Lynden, it was **RESOLVED** that the budget be set in accordance with the minimum level of activity, and a copy of the agreed analysis is appended to these minutes. It was further agreed that the budget would be actively managed as the year progressed.  The Clerk and District Cllr. Egington explained the mechanics of setting a precept and its effect on the overall council tax bill. The Chawleigh Parish Council precept for the current year was £12,790, equivalent to a total annual bill for a band D property in the parish of £51.09.  On a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Lynden, it was **RESOLVED** to increase the precept to £13,000 (+ 1.6%) which would amount to a new cost per band D property of £52.98 which results in an apparent increase of 3.4% because of the way it is calculated. The extra £1.98 for the year equates to just 16.5 pence per month. |
| **5** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  None |
| **6** | **MEETING CLOSURE**  The meeting close at 8.30pm |

Signed:………………………

Print:…………………………

Date:…………………………

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