

# HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023** at **7:30pm**,  
**Parish Room, High Street, Hardingstone**

**6. Apologies:**

- a. Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable. Apologies received from Cllr R Jones. Committee **RESOLVED** to approve.

**7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.**

- a. Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed. None.

**8. Public Time.** None public in attendance.

**9. To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** Committee **RESOLVED** to approve.

**10. To consider budget and precept figures for 2024-25 to recommend to Full Council.** Committee discussed and considered the draft budget and precept figure for 2024-25. Budgets for each category were discussed and agreed based on previous spend with an increase to account for inflation, or based on planned projects or purchases. General and specific reserves also discussed and agreed. Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to full Council to agree the draft budget and request a precept of £50,000 which is a reduction from last year's £65,000.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....