

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

**BUDGET/FINANCE MEETING held on Monday 21 November 2022 at 6pm
in the Annex of the Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Steve Coetzer, Janet Sugden, Joanne Hughes, Peter Ward, Chris Hoskin, Martin Banks, Alan Sutcliffe, David Shuttleworth and Clerk- Kath Ashby.

1. Agree appointment of Ms Safia Kauser as Internal Auditor for 2023 (if agreed, put a resolution forward at December's PC Meeting)

All were in agreement to appoint Ms Safia Lauser as Internal Auditor for 2023.
A Resolution will be put forward at our December Parish Council meeting.

2. New 3 monthly budget monitoring report

The meeting approved the format and content of the new 3 monthly report. It was also noted that there are estimates of approximately £10,000 for tree maintenance work yet to be approved. The monthly invoices approval list should no longer include SBS investment of approx. £20,000 which will be marked as ring fenced.

3. CIL Outdoor Gym update

We are awaiting two further quotes for new equipment at the Playground and MB to arrange site visits with the two companies.

4. Tree Estimates

PW is to go back to the two Tree Surgeons for clarification on their most recent quotations for the essential tree works.

5. Agree Precept

All in favour to keep the Precept at the same amount as last year. Form to be completed.

The meeting also agreed that the clerk's salary should be increased from NALC salary scale point 28 to point 30. This is equivalent to a rise from £16.75 to £18.87.

6. NYCC Energy Increase Costs

NYCC plan to upgrade the electricity to approximately £8400 plus an admin fee w.e.f. 2023.

7. Christmas Lights

Both estimates for new lights for the Christmas tree were discussed and all in favour to go with the CEF quotation. Our electrical contractor will be advised to go ahead this week.

8. Website

SC raised the matter of our Website not being very accessible to all. It was agreed to include the cost of a new website in next year's budget.

9. Additional VAS Power Point & Sign

All in favour of purchasing an extra VAS sign and power point. This to be included in this year's Budget.

10. Church Clock

It was agreed at the 6 April 2022 Parish Council monthly meeting 6.3 that we would pay half of the bill which is £1358 pre-VAT which was also confirmed in a letter to the Vicar on the 8 June 2022. As of the date of this meeting, we have had no response.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm