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| | <p>working on a welcome pack will bring completed version to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees and Natural Environment – (Cllr Hollingsworth) Nothing to report. • Footpaths (including items from the Footpath Warden) – (Cllr B Hillson) No update as Cllr Hillson was not present. No response to the call for volunteers to clear the church path. To be discussed further to decide if still going ahead. • Finance – Cllr A Birmingham – no updates | |
| 6/23 | <p>Village Hall The Trustees met on 9th January 2023. The water heater is being replaced. The electrics have been re-done and inspected. Roof works to be commenced in the Spring when weather is better. To be put into Speke Up for reference. Village Hall Trustees to ask Ed Rogers to look at the broken steps outside the Hall.</p> | <p>RT SL</p> |
| 7/23 | <p>Financial Items The accounts summary to December 31st 2022 (previously approved by Cllr A Birmingham) was NOTED It was NOTED that the following payments were approved remotely in accordance with Financial Regulations. 2 x Payments to Tracy Watkins (November and December) 2 x Payments to HMRC (November and December) 1 x Payment of annual grant to the Village Hall Trustees for £2000.00 (13.11.22) 2 x Payments of £31.67 to BT for Village Hall WiFi (28.11.22 & 28.12.22) 1 x payment to Wildlife Survey for Hall bat survey of £150.00 (18.11.22) 1 x payment to Sowden Contractors for verge cutting of £378.00 (4.12.22) 1 x Receipt of VAT claim from HMRC of £631.10 (21.11.22) Note: Payments approved by Councillors S Luxton, A Birmingham and R Tillett in accordance with the Financial Regulations. It was ascertained the Financial Regulations Policy was already ADOPTED at the meeting on 9th November 2022. Clerk to ensure is on website.</p> | <p>TW</p> |
| 8/23 | <p>Budget setting The budget for 2023/24 was discussed. The Precept amount of £8250 was rejected. Cllr Tillett PROPOSED to set Precept amount at £8000 this was</p> | <p>TSW</p> |

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| | SECONDED by Cllr Hollingsworth. AGREED . Clerk to send Precept claim forms to EDDC in time for deadline date of 18 th January 2023. | |
| 9/23 | Schedule of meetings for 2023/24 The following dates were agreed. Clerk to add to website: 10 th May 2023 (AGM and APM), 19 th April 2023, 5 th July 2023, 6 th September 2023, 8 th November 2023, 10 th January 2024 and 6 th March 2024. | TSW |
| 10/23 | RISK Assessment Audit Cllr Birmingham PROPOSED that the deadline for this was moved to the end of the summer. Cllr S Luxton SECONDED . | |
| 11/23 | Standing Orders As Cllr Birmingham and Cllr Hillson were not present for this meeting Cllr Tillett PROPOSED that this action was deferred to the next meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Luxton. Clerk to send NALC template to Cllr Tillett for perusal. | TSW |
| 12/23 | EDDC Update Cllr Jamie Kemp not present at the meeting and no update was sent to the Parish for the meeting. | |
| 13/23 | County Councillor update Neither Cllr Gent nor Cllr Randall Johnson could attend the meeting. Cllr Randall Johnson sent the update below: Devon County Council Monthly Report January 2023 Cllr Sara Randall Johnson Budget 2023/2024 Cabinet approved the draft target budget for the next financial year this morning. In previous years, Cabinet has agreed target budgets for services in December, based on financial planning forecasts constructed in advance of the provisional settlement. However, this year, there has been much more uncertainty in terms of central government funding to local government, combined with the most challenging budget round that the Authority has faced in recent decades. It has therefore been prudent to defer setting service budget targets until January, after the announcement of the provisional settlement. On 19th December 2022, the Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, released a written Ministerial | |

statement to Parliament setting out the provisional local government finance settlement for 2023/24 financial year.

The settlement is in line with the Spending Review 2021 and updated for the announcements made in the Autumn Statement of 17th November 2022.

Budget targets for the 2023/24 financial year are set out in the table at paragraph 3.8, reflecting a net increase in service budgets of £66.2 million, which is a 10.5% increase.

National Living Wage was announced in the Autumn Statement as increasing by 9.7 percent from April 2023. This is expected to add £22.5 million of budget pressures across the Authority’s budgets.

3.8. The proposed service revenue budget targets for the 2023/24 financial year are set out in the table below.

| | 2022/23 Adjusted Base Budget £000 | Inflation and National Living Wage £000 | Other Pressures £000 | Savings, alternative funding and additional income £000 | 2023/24 Target Budget £000 | Net change £000 | |
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| Integrated Adult Social Care | 311,968 | 29,535 | 29,999 | (32,200) | 339,302 | 27,334 | 8.8% |
| Childrens and Young Peoples Futures | 176,205 | 9,585 | 32,376 | (9,563) | 208,603 | 32,398 | 18.4% |
| Public Health, Communities & Prosperity | 20,308 | 874 | 617 | (404) | 21,395 | 1,087 | 5.4% |
| Corporate Services | 42,213 | 4,470 | 623 | (2,458) | 44,848 | 2,635 | 6.2% |
| Climate Change, Environment & Transport | 79,117 | 7,037 | 214 | (4,468) | 81,900 | 2,783 | 3.5% |
| Service budgets total | 629,811 | 51,501 | 63,829 | (49,093) | 696,048 | 66,237 | 10.5% |

2022/23 Base budget adjusted for permanent virements

| | £000 |
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| New Homes bonus | (883) |
| Rural Services Delivery Grant | (7,823) |
| Social Care Grant | (54,015) |
| Improved Better Care Fund | (29,127) |
| Adult social care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund | (8,373) |
| Adult Social Care Discharge Fund | (4,084) |
| Services Grant | (3,987) |
| Other grants | (108,292) |

14/23 Other information/correspondence received for possible action/discussion/attendance /action items pending or carried forward

- Speke Up submissions – Precept news (Clerk to send Cllr Tillett per household figures) and Council meeting dates for 2023/24
- Actions points were reviewed. Clerk to send out updated list with Minutes to Cllrs.

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15/23 Next Meeting

- Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Next Meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2023 – Village Hall

Signed:.....

Date:.....