

## Warbleton Parish Council – January 2022 Council

### Agenda item 9.1

#### Budget 2022/23

The Finance & GP Committee reviewed the draft budget proposals in December 2021 and recommend that the Parish Council adopt the budget for 2022/23 as set out in the accompanying document.

The proposed budget is £21,615.67. This represents an increase of 8.08% on the 2021/22 budget and an estimated increase of 12.4% on the projected outturn of expenditure.

The key increased budget provisions are:

- Increased clerk costs – following move to higher salary band and national pay awards. Overtime in 2021/22 is slightly lower than anticipated but the same level of provision for voluntary overtime hours (as per the 2021/22 budget) has been maintained
- Increased discretionary grants (+£240)
- Increased infrastructure budget (+£500), reflecting recommendations of Environment Committee for repair, renovation and investment in Council assets
- One off provision for supporting Platinum Jubilee celebrations (+£500)
- External audit will be expected for 2021/22 accounts.

#### Earmarked Reserves 2022/23

- a) CIL – following receipt of significant funds in 2021/22, the estimated CIL earmarked reserve, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, is £27,126.23 (subject to any further expenditure being approved). The CIL Committee in February 2022 will review its programme for 2022/23.
- b) Election Expenses – it is expected that no elections will be necessary in 2021/22 and therefore, the budget of £500 will move to the earmarked reserve, following Council resolution in February 2022. The earmarked reserve will then be £1,000 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. A further £500 is proposed for the 2022/23 budget.
- c) Defibrators – this will be £595.59 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. A further grant of £150 from this reserve will be expected to be paid during 2022/23 as part of the servicing agreement with Heathfield and Waldron First Responders

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Chairman F&GP Committee

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022