

**DOWNSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER 2022
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 8 PM**

1. **APOLOGIES:** No apologies were received.
2. **NOTIFICATION OF WHETHER ANYONE WISHES TO RECORD ANY ITEMS:** No notifications received.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS:** None received.
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** No members of the public were present.
5. **PREPARE DRAFT BUDGET FOR REPORTING TO FULL COUNCIL:** Having considered the income and expenditure for 2022/23, the Finance Committee's recommendation to Full Council is that in order to meet the financial demands that will be placed on the council during the forthcoming year, the Precept is increased by 5.5% to £36,946.00.
6. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:** Clerk to discuss with the internal auditor the format for reporting finance in the minutes.

The Clerk inherited an ongoing form of reporting that does not correlate to bank statements.

Consideration to be given to using the figures on bank statements as a starting point, with income/expenditure adjusted accordingly.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** To be convened as and when required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.