

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2022
AT MANSEL LACY COMMUNITY HALL

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present: C.Edwards (Chairman), A.Davies, S.Hallett, M.Mangan, D.Gwynne, A.Powell,
A.Apps

In Attendance: R.Hallett (Clerk), M.Jones (Ward Councillor)

In reference to agenda item 3c (Grants 22/23) C.Edwards declared an interest as editor of Foxley News, as did S.Hallett as a member of Mansel Lacy PCC

- 1) Draft Minutes the General Meeting held on 21st Spetember 2022 were accepted and signed by C.Edwards as a true record.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Following his co-option, A.Apps was welcomed as councillor for Mansel Lacy
 - b) No residents had expressed interest in the We Don't Buy Crime initiative.
Considering the pressure on financial resources and that it would cost in the region of £1,200, it was decided not to further pursue this.
 - c) C.Edwards to confirm there is an anonymous donor willing to fund the replacement pads and batteries for the defibrillator.
- 3) Finance
 - a) The regular report was presented (see Agenda). Whilst the account has a healthy balance of £7,522.78 we are about to start the drainage grant work for this year and this will all be needed to provide the necessary cash flow.
 - b) The precept was set at £3,750 for 2023/24, proposed by M.Mangan and seconded by A.Powell. This accounts for the exceptional costs of an election, mitigated by use of reserve.
 - c) Grants were agreed for Foxley News, Brinsop PCC and Mansel Lacy PCC at half the requested amount, £200 each, proposed by D.Gwynne and seconded by A.Apps. This reflects the financial constraints in play due to one off election costs next year and higher than normal inflation. The council will however, consider further applications at any point in the year, subject to funds availability.
 - d) The budget for 2023/24 was set as below:

<u>Expenses</u>	Insurance	230
	Website	230
	Lengthsman	1950
	Hall Hire	80
	Grants	900
	Elections	1840
	Sub-total	5230

<u>Income</u>	Precept	3750
	Comm Assoc	95
	Reserve	1385
	Sub-total	5230

- 4) Highways
 - a) A.Apps brought a commercial roadside sign within Brinsop & Wormsley parish to the council's attention. Both councillors from this ward had had the appropriateness of

