

St. Mary Bourne Parish Council

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**Report from the St Mary Bourne Finance Committee Meeting
Held on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7:30pm
in the Club Room, Village Centre**

Those present: The chair, David Peart, Cllrs Bridget Culley, Jo Perry, Kevin Fullerton

In attendance: The Clerk, Ben Sawyer.

Members of the Press & Public in attendance: None

Time for public speaking

None.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Oliver Madge
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** None
- 3. Review of the third quarter spend against budget**

Resolved: It was noted that quarter three shows a similar spend as 20/21 although in total there are funds to be received from HMRC for VAT reclaim and also grants to be received from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

- 4. Review projection for the financial year against budget**

Resolved: The full year projection shows a positive balance against budget but this will be factored into Tree Work and increased Insurance costs.

- 5. Discuss the 2022-23 budget and precept**

Resolved: As this isn't due until January there were discussions around the precept increase and set at a similar value as last year which was around 13%, this equates to a rise per year of around £5.50 in an average sized home.

There were further discussions around the continued use of the Parish Office and suggestions of drop in surgeries to discuss matters with a Councilor or the Clerk this will be raised as a point at the next Parish Council meeting.

It was raised the Hill and Valley parish contribution was sought to be increased by 50% and there was push back from all to this increase but will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Ben Sawyer
Clerk, St. Mary Bourne Parish Council
17 November 2021