



5	<b>Other Planning Matters (incl enforcement issues) – none</b>
6	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>6.1 Parish Precept.</p> <p>The Parish precept was discussed at length at this meeting. Background discussion: there have been many years where the precept has been held flat for residents and in recent years, due to the increase in housing and the provision of S106 &amp; CiL monies, the Parish Council has been able to maintain and, in certain cases improve, things within the Parish eg: footpaths.</p> <p>Given the village and its surroundings have already had enough houses, future income from this source will peter-out and as such to maintain Council assets and to keep things in good order a more significant increase in the Parish precept was considered.</p> <p>Future funding needs discussion: this focused on the fact that for a village the size of Welford the sports facilities, playground equipment and other community assets are not of a similar standard to those in many neighboring villages. In addition, it was noted that to maintain them in their current state required more funding. By way of an example, the children’s play area is modest to say the least and although the Parish Council received a CiL payment of c.£10,000 for additional playground equipment, following investigation into what we could supply for this sum the Council found that we needed c.£20,000 to make a difference.</p> <p>Other items requiring funding were discussed in detail (eg: footpaths in the village and the footpath up to Cress Hill, sports facilities, Synder Meadow, Cress Hill), and a new 2022/23 budget was agreed. The new budget was set to satisfy these future spending needs and allow the Parish Council to maintain a prudent reserve of 50% of our annual precept for emergencies.</p> <p>Therefore, the precept was agreed at £36,480 for the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>6.2 Councillors’ Roles and Responsibilities</p> <p>The agreed roles and responsibilities matrix (updated) was circulated by the Chair. The councillor vacancy activities (Village Maintenance) have been shared among the team until a new councillor is brought on board.</p>
7	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Feb 2022 – Full Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> <li>• 15th Feb 2022 - Planning Committee Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> </ul>

Meeting Closed – 8.22pm