



**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at 7.15pm on
Thursday 9th December 2021**

Present: Cllrs J Bond, N Chapman and S Hiscock.

1. **Election of Chair** – Cllr Bond was duly elected Chair of the Finance Committee.
2. **Public Speaking Time** – no members of the public were in attendance.
3. **Apologies for Absence** – apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Broadhead, P Hadman and C Wells.
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** – none were received.
5. **Budget 2022/23** – discussion was held over items to be considered when setting the budget for 2022/23. It was agreed that consideration should be given to work being carried out by the committees of EBPC; including Events Committee, Allotment Committee and Environment Sub-Committee. The proposed budget will be presented at the next meeting of the Finance Committee on 6th January 2022.
6. **Community Engagement** - the survey relating to the increase of the Precept to cover the application of a Public Works Loan was discussed. It was agreed that, if there was not public support for the loan at an increase of 64p per month, an additional consultation would be carried out giving the option of an increase of 53p per month or £44 per year over a period of two years.