

PARISH of BETCHTON

Notice of Meeting of the Parish Council

A Meeting the Council will be held at St Philip's Church Hall, Hassall Green on **Thursday 17 November at 7.30pm.**



Clerk to the Council
11 November 2022

For more information about the meeting contact the Clerk on 01270 567462 or email ralphbason@aol.com

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Public Forum**
3. **Minutes meeting held on 29 September 2022**
To approve the minutes as a correct record.
4. **Matters arising**
5. **Finance**

5.1. Payments

To approve the following payments:

Clerk's Salary – £151.31 = £302.62 + backpay following nationally agreed increase from April - £67.50: total £370.12.

Clerk's expenses - Postage £2.42; Travel - £24 (attend meeting and to post notices).

St Philip's Church, Hassall Green for room hire for six meetings - £180.

5.2. Balances

To note the following Council account balances:

Current account - £ 11,164.79

Reserve account - £ 1,866.03

6. **Budget 2022-23**

To set the precept for 2022-23. A Draft budget is enclosed with this agenda. Councillors **will need to resolve a dispensation to discuss financial** matters relating to the budget and setting of the precept. This is because all members of the Council have a financial interest in the setting of the precept.

Cheshire East Council is due to fix its taxbase for the financial year 2022/23 by Resolution of the Council on 15 December. The taxbase for the Betchton Parish Council area is likely to be £296.64 compared to the current amount of £287.25

As an indication, if your current Band D Council Tax (of £8.06) remained the same, this would increase your precept from £2,314 to £2,391. Alternatively, if the precept remained at £2,314 then the Band D Council Tax would reduce to £7.80 when using the new taxbase.

The parish council's precept has been kept at the same rate for the past three years. Given current inflation rate and the increased activity of the council the Clerk's recommendation would be to increase the precept by 2% which would entail an increase of £7.96 pa for a band D household equivalent.

Please also note that the budget prepared is on assumptions and anticipation made by the clerk on the basis of decisions of the Council in previous years. It is up to the Council to set out its proposals for expenditure for the year after due consideration.

7. Planning

(a) Applications

22/3818C – Land off Chells Hill - Full planning application for periodic use of land on an annual basis (up to 56 days per calendar year) for moto-cross purposes, retention of hardstanding and access, access enhancements, and associated works.

22/3284C – Roughwood, Roughwood Hollow, Hassall Green CW11 4XX- Extensions and remodelling of existing Dormer Bungalow.

22/3275C – 1 Cappers Lane, CW11 2TW - Contemporary single storey side extension, high quality dormer roof extensions and floorplan re-modelling to increase natural light.

Note to Councillors – before the meeting please refer to these applications on the Cheshire East Council website <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning>

(b) Decisions

22/4073C - Agricultural determination for a proposed replacement grain store - Betchton Hall Farm, Love Lane, Betchton, CW11 2TS - refused

8. Planters and Benches

Further to Minute 19, to receive report on installation of items in Hassall Green and to take further action in planting etc.

9. Website

Update on installation and use.

10. Correspondence

Clerk to report on correspondence received.

11. Reports

Councillors (including Cheshire East Councillor) to report on their areas of responsibility, local experience and representations by residents.