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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET & PRECEPT MEETING OF  
BROWN EDGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023  
BROWN EDGE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM

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**Present:** Councillors – Cllr. Felton (Chairman), Cllr. Bedson (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. Turner, Cllr. Oberholster, Cllr. Owen, Cllr. Porter

Minutes recorded by Mrs. D Wheat (Clerk)

**1. Chairman's Welcome and Announcements:**

Cllr. Felton opened the meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. Wright  
Cllr. Lea – Dispensation for ill health.  
Cllr. Woodward  
Cllr. Hargreaves

**3. Parishioners Concerns:** None present.

**4. Declaration of Interests:**

Cllr. Owen – Maintenance Contract

**5. Precept Calculations for the Financial Year 2023-2024 were discussed:** Please see the document below which explains the percentage increase and the effects on Residents Council Tax contributions.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	2021/22	2022/23						
% Increase	+3%	+5%	2023/24 <b>0%</b>	2023/24 <b>1%</b>	2023/24 <b>2%</b>	2023/24 <b>3%</b>	2023/24 <b>4%</b>	2023/24 <b>5%</b>
Precept Required	£23,595	£25,046	£25,046.34	£25,265	£25,535	£25,760	£26,020	£26,265
Tax Base	823	832	<b>831</b>	831	831	831	831	831
Equivalent band D precept	£28.67 +84p from 2020	£30.10 +£1.43 from 2021	£30.14 Household pays 4p more than last year	£30.40 +30p	£30.72 +62p	£31.00 +90p	£31.31 +£1.21	£31.61 +£1.51

- The tax base is the number of equivalent band D properties in the Parish.
- **Column A** are the figures that were used for 2021/2022. The Precept was increased by 3% in Feb 2021.
- **Column B** are the figures that were used for 2022/2023. The Precept was increased by 5% in Feb 2022. The Band D Precept charge on the Council Tax for Brown Edge Parish currently is £ 30.10 in this year. An increase of £1.43 from 2020/21
- **Column C - 0%** - Cost of Council Tax stays the same (+0.04) for residents. (very slight increase, negligible when rounded up)
- **Column D - 1% increase – Household (Band D) pays 30p more/ Council Precept received would be £219.00 more (£25,265.00)**
- **Column E – 2% increase – Household pays 62p more/ Council Precept in received would be £489.00 more (£25,535.00)**
- **Column F – 3% increase – Household pays 90p more/ Council Precept received would be £714.00 more (£25,760.00)**
- **Column G – 4% increase – Household pays £1.21 more/ Council Precept received would be £974.00 more (£26,020.00)**
- **Column H – 5% increase – Household pays £1.51 more/ Council Precept received would be £1,219 more (£26,265.00)**
- **If the Council do decide to go higher than 5% increase: £26,500 would be an increase of 5.95% and £27,000 would be an increase of 7.94%.**

## 6. Financial Statements to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (December bank statement not received to date)

NatWest Current Account:	£63,264.14
NatWest Reserve Account:	£11,134.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£74,398.74</b>

## 7. Budget Setting: (Please see attached Budget Document)

The Clerk presented the Budget calculations spreadsheet and Cllr. Turner also presented a simplified version to clarify solely the Precept expenditure and guaranteed income without grants or loans.

Following a discussion about having to save funds by cutting project spending, it was also discussed that the Council should apply for more grants to aid progress of village projects where possible. The PWLB Car Park Loan re-payments are to be taken from Reserves and not included in the Precept calculation.

**Brown Edge Parish Council resolved to request an 5% increase to the Precept for 2023/24 at a total sum of £26,265.00.**

This will ensure the Council has some funds available to absorb increases in line with inflation. The Council will need to work harder to obtain grants to cover some of the projects previously earmarked with reserves or put these projects on hold.

***Proposed Cllr. Turner – Seconded Cllr. Bedson – All in favour – Motion Carried***

- 8. Matters Pertaining to Issues in the Parish for the Next Agenda:** No new agenda items were brought forward.

**The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8pm**

Next Meetings at Brown Edge Village Hall at 7pm:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023                      Full Council Meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023                      Full Council Meeting

<b>I hereby state this is a correct account of the monthly meeting held by Brown Edge Parish Council.</b>		
<b>Signed: (Chair)</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Date:</b>