



Fletching Parish Council

**Annual Parish Meeting
17th May 2022**

Agenda



- 1. Introduction & welcome from the Chairman**
- 2. Apologies of absence received**
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 17th May 2021**
- 4. Chairman's report**
- 5. Highlights of the past year including**
 - Parking working group
 - Fletching school update
- 6. Report from District and County Councillor Roy Galley**
 - WDC local plan and 2022 SHELAA
- 7. Guest speakers**
 - Matt Jarvis PCSO Sussex Police
- 8. Parish Objectives 2022-23**
- 9. Questions from the public**
- 10. Close of meeting**

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome from the Chairman



Fletching Parish Council

- Chris Rothery (Chairman)
- Damian Greenish (Vice-Chairman)
- Ross Borton
- Lady Noel Collum
- Wes Constantinou
- Richard Hannay
- Dan Kerwood
- Kate Minch
- Andrew Shaw
- Gabriella Paterson-Griggs, Clerk and RFO

...to represent the community and work constructively ...to secure better social, economic and environmental outcomes for all.

...to achieve best value for our residents and maintain public confidence in this authority.

Working Groups and Councillor Responsibilities



- **Parking Working Group:** Cllrs Borton and Constantinou
- **Highways:** Cllr Constantinou
 - Roads, Potholes, Verges, Meetings with East Sussex Highways, Fingerpost Renovation
- **Green Spaces:** Cllr Hannay
 - Grass cutting, Street Cleaning, Burial Ground and Commons
- **Recreation Ground:** Cllrs Rothery, Greenish, Kerwood
 - Long term plans for management of recreation ground
- **Planning:** Cllrs Rothery, Collum, Greenish, Constantinou
 - Review of planning applications
- **Community Safety:** Cllrs Hannay and Minch
 - Speedwatch, Community Safety Action Group
- **Finance & Staffing:** Cllrs Rothery, Shaw, Hannay
 - Budget, Precept, Grants, Insurance, Audit, Pay



Agenda Item 2:

Apologies for absence received

Agenda Item 3:

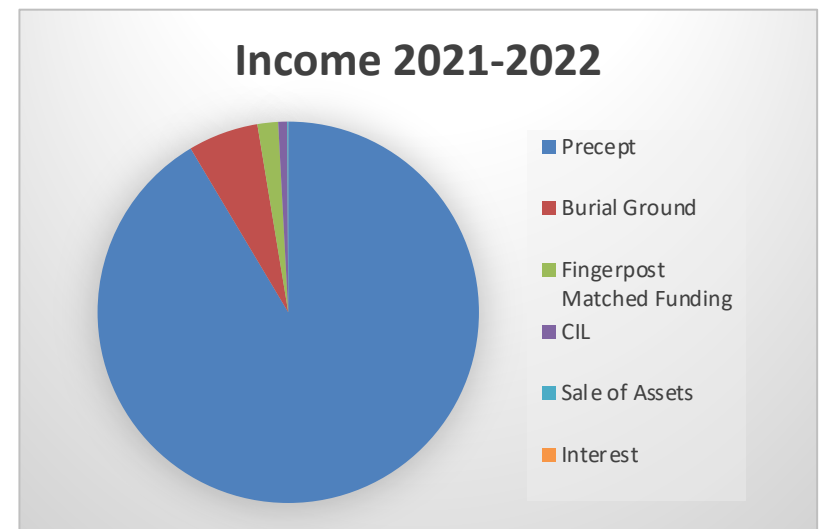
Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 17th May 2021

Chairman's Report:

Income: April 2021 – Mar 2022



| Income sources: | £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Precept (£31,000) | 31,000 |
| Burial fees (2,500) | 2,085 |
| Fingerpost Match-fund (£510) | 613 |
| CIL | 264 |
| Sale of printer | 30 |
| Interest (£14) | 2 |
| TOTAL | £33,994 (£34k) |



Expenditure:

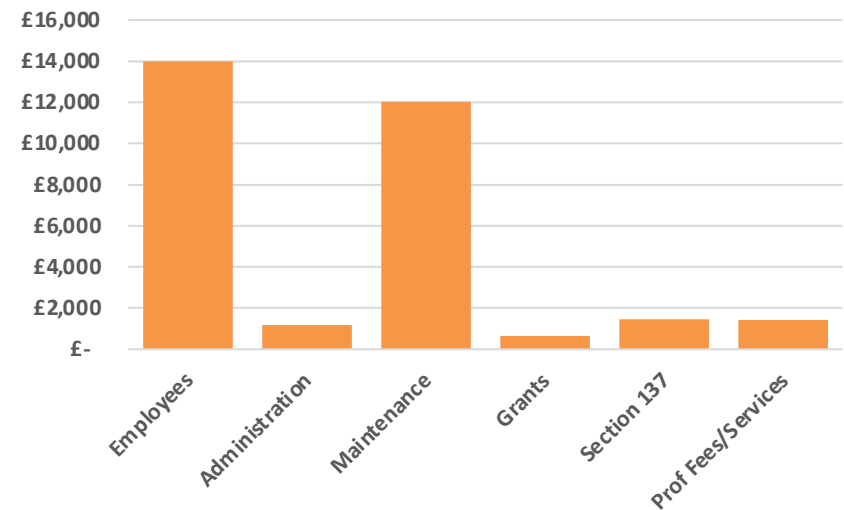
April 2021 – Mar 2022



Expenditure items:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Employees/Training (£14k) | £13,994 |
| Administration (£1.2k) | £1,166 |
| Maintenance (£9K) | £12,046 |
| Grants (£450) | £650 |
| Section 137 (£2,200) | £1,470 |
| Prof. fees/Services (£850) | £1,438 |
| TOTAL | £30,764 (£27,700) |

Expenditure 2021-2022



Grants and S137 Funds Awarded 2021-2022



- Fletching Recreation Ground Charity £650
 - Water fountain
- Fletching Parochial Church Council £1025
 - Grass cutting and churchyard maintenance
- Royal British Legion £50
 - Poppy Wreath
- Queen's Green Canopy Jubilee Tree £395

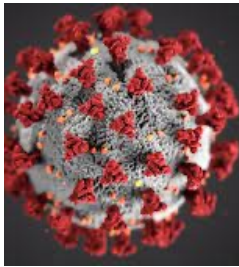
Precept 2022-2023



- The Council resolved, having frozen the precept for 2021/22 due to the financial uncertainty of Covid, to increase the precept for 2022-2023 by 3.2%.
- The Council realised the need to raise the precept by 3.2% this year as prices for contracts etc. are starting to rise. An example being the insurance premium which has risen by £300 over the past two years.

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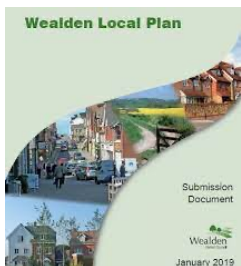
Highlights of the past year



- ❖ A COVID volunteer support programme was maintained during the course of the Covid lockdown.

- ❖ The process of registering land belonging to Fletching Parish Council has continued.

HM Land
Registry



- ❖ A public meeting was held to highlight the latest news on the Local Plan and the latest SHELAA and how it impacts our Parish.

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Highlights of the past year



- ❖ 2 further fingerposts have been renovated across the Parish with match-funding from ESCC for each post, including the finger post at Splaynes Green.

- ❖ The work to restore the Pump House has been undertaken and completed.



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Highlights of the past year



- ❖ The Council planted an English Oak tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



- ❖ Parishes in Bloom competition 2021 the Parish achieved a Silver Gilt Award, its highest yet.

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Highlights of the past year



- ❖ Work commissioned and completed to remove the badger sett from the Burial Ground and installation of badger exclusion fencing.

- ❖ Removal of a number of moles in the Burial Ground



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Highlights of the past year



- ❖ The Council is working with the Fletching Ukrainian Support Group.



- ❖ A new Clerk and RFO was appointed in November 2021.

Parking Working Group



- Update from Cllr Ross Borton



Fletching CE School



- Update from Cllr Richard Hannay



Planning Applications 2021/22



- The Parish Council was consulted by Wealden District Council on **42** planning applications over the last 12 months, down slightly from 2020/21.
- Councillors were only able to visit 25 sites due to Covid rules but submitted comments back to WDC on all the applications.
- The applications included new builds, house extensions, garage extensions and swimming pools.
- There were a number of new build applications during the last 12 months including at Acorn Garage and on the A272 near the Piltdown petrol station.
- Councillors represented the Parish at meetings with Wealden District Council to reflect the parish views on the proposed Local Plan and SHELAA sites.



Agenda Item 6:

Report from District and County Councillor Roy Galley



Agenda Item 7:
Matt Jarvis, PCSO
Wealden Neighbourhood Policing
Team Sussex Police

Agenda Item 8:

Parish Objectives 2022-23



- To continue as an efficient & effective Parish Council with trained, knowledgeable Councillors and a qualified Clerk
- To update Parishioners as to the developments of the WDC Local Plan and associated planning implications
- To work towards having a parking solution agreed for Fletching High Street
- To effectively manage Fletching Recreation Ground
- To provide a well-run Burial Ground for the Parish
- To complete the restoration of Fingerposts in the Parish
- To continue to support local community groups, charities and the residents of Fletching Parish



Agenda Item 9:

Questions from the Public



Agenda Item 10:

Close of Meeting