

FINANCE AGENDA

The Charing Parish Council's Finance Committee held their meeting on **Monday 12th December 2022 @ 19.30hrs** in the top room of the Charing Parish Hall

1.	<p>Apologies: In attendance: Chair D Bennett; RFO J Munro; Cllrs C Prinn; J Strike; D Gudge & the clerk</p>
2.	<p>To agree and sign the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 7th November 2022: deferred until next meeting</p>
3.	<p>Up dated Items from Finance meeting 7th November 2022 Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCTV (DA-JM)The installation is looking at being end of January beginning of February. - Locking/unlocking Cemetery(DA)This is working well and no complaints have been received. - New Bank Signatory (JM)Cllr Gudge will be added to the signatories for Unity Trust bank. - New Auditor(JM) We now have a new external auditor in Kent from 2023 as PKF Littlejohn have not won the renewal contract. - Fee Dispute Cemetery (Letter)We are awaiting a response back from our solicitor. - Donation to Charing Village fete (basketball Hoop) This has been paid. - Hall Charges (JS &DA)It was agreed to wait until we receive the January electric bill before we review the charges.
4.	<p>YTD Accounts: These were agreed and the cashflow was discussed.</p>
5.	<p>Budgets 2023/2024 Proposed Precept: It was agreed to take an increase of 11% to full council on the 13th January for approval. When looking at all committee budgets and reserves the increase should be higher but it was agreed at the above percentage.</p>

6.	Christmas Lights.(No Donation given to date) It was agreed that any donation funds not used at the end of the financial year would be given to the Christmas Lights.
7.	Donations available (General £1,250 Members £1,540) Individual councillors' donations are available on request from the RFO.
8.	AOB:
8.1	It was discussed on how we monitor the car park in Brenchley Mews parking 24/7. Signage with parking and no return within 2 hours was discussed. The clerk will look into how we could enforce going forward.
	Date of next Finance meeting will be 20th February at 7.30pm
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.