



**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held electronically at 7.15pm on
Thursday 7th January 2021**

Present: Cllrs J Bond (Chair), N Chapman and B Rice.

1. **Public Speaking Time** – no members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – no apologies for absence were received.
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** – none were received.
4. **Review and Agree Grant Applications 2021/22** – grant applications received for the financial year 2021/22 were discussed and grants to be recommended to the full Parish Council were approved by the committee.
5. **Budget/PRECEPT 2021/22** – the budget and PRECEPT to be recommended to the full Parish Council for 2021/22 was calculated and approved by the Finance Committee. This includes increases to Cemetery Lodge, increases to wage costs and grounds maintenance, funding for potential projects to be taken on by EBPC and funds to cover a Public Works Board loan, should it be required for The Grange Sports Development. It was also noted that an approximate underspend of £50,000 for 2020/21 due to Covid was used to ensure that there would be no Council Tax increase for EBPC in 2021/22.
6. **Review of Financial Controls (including Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Audit Plan)** – the Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Audit Plan 2021/22 were approved for recommendation to the full Parish Council, following.
7. **Recommendations to Full Parish Council Meeting on Monday 11 January 2021** – it was resolved that the grants applications and budget/PRECEPT calculated by the Finance Committee be recommended for discussion and approval at the full Parish Council meeting on 13 January, along with the review of financial controls.