



MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024
IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL

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<p><u>24/016/a</u> PRESENT:</p> <p>Members: Mrs C Saint (Chairman), Mr A McFarlane (Vice Chairman), Mrs L Drayton, Mr T Harper, Mr M Myram, Mrs S Richings, and Mr D Warry</p> <p>Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk)</p> <p><u>24/016/b</u> APOLOGIES:</p> <p>Mr J Davies and Mr B Owen</p>																	
<p><u>24/017</u> DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None declared</p>																	
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<p><u>24/019</u> TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2024/25</p> <p>The recommendations for the 2024/25 budget were put to councillors. Cllr McFarlane proposed that the Administration Costs were reduced by £250. This was agreed.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the recreation ground car park fencing and gate under Major Projects. It was agreed that it was unlikely that this would be done in the next 12 months. However, a new path would need to be made to the pavilion and some posts around the car park would need to be changed. It was agreed to reduce the amount under Major Projects by £2,000.</p> <p>Cllr Saint said that there was a meeting with Yeovil Without and Brympton parishes and Somerset Council on 2nd February to discuss the Parish Lengthsman Scheme. It was agreed not to change the amount in the budget for the lengthsman.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve a budget of £41,593</p>																	
<p><u>24/020</u> TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE PRECEPT FOR 2024/25</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the Tax Base Rate had increased from 256.33 to 258.97 which reduces the amount on the Band D rate. A discussion was held on the potential loss in services from Somerset Council and whether the parish would be able to absorb these costs. Councillors were mindful of the current economic climate and how this would affect the parish.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve a precept of £41,593</p> <p>No further business was discussed, and the meeting closed at 8pm.</p>																	