

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2023
LITTLEBURY VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.**

Present. Jean Cowell, Philip Marns, Janet Menell, Michael Scott

Public: 8

Also Present:

1.	Apologies for Absence: Tracy Coston In the absence of Tracy Coston it was agreed that Michael Scott would act as Clerk	
2.	Public Participation (15 mins): John Broomfield asked the PC for its response to the Draft UDC Local Plan adding that, following the Savills Open Meeting, a number of villagers were worried about potential large scale development in the village. Philip Marns responded by outlining the key points of the PC response to the plan and noting that Littlebury had been classified as a smaller village and, therefore, only small scale development to meet local needs was recommended. There was extensive discussion and comment from the public iterating concerns that, despite the apparent safeguards of the Draft Plan, the two sites submitted in the call for proposals could be re-inserted at the next stage. It was requested that the PC specifically request this not to happen in its response to UDC.	
3.	Approval of PC response to UDC Local Plan: The members of the PC reviewed the draft response to the Local Plan as prepared by Philip Marns. In recognition of the issues raised by the public it was agreed to add the following sentence in Paragraph 2 of the Introduction “The PC urges UDC to resist pressure from landowners and developers to amend this policy.” After a few minor corrections the response was approved by the Council.	
4.	To receive information about the Local Government Service Pay Agreement 2023/24: The PC agreed to raise the Clerk’s salary to the recommended level for SCP 26 (£18.10 / hr) backdated to 1 April 2023.	
5.	To discuss the budget and agree the precept for 2024/5: The draft budget prepared by the Clerk was discussed and various amendments were agreed. It was noted that for several years a deficit budget had been set. It was agreed to set a balanced budget and a precept of £38,500.	
6.	Request for contribution towards gravel for paths in Littlebury churchyard: It was agreed to contribute £150 to the PCC with a note that this was a one off contribution.	
7.	Date of next meeting: The Parish Council meeting will be held on 17th January 2024 in Littlebury Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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