> Minutes from the Meeting
> held on Tuesday 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ May 2022 at 19:00 at The War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann.
COUNCIL MEMBERS

|  | In Attendance | Apologies | Absent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Councillor Jordan (Chairman) |  | $\mathbf{V}$ |  |
| Councillor Howard (Vice Chairman) | $\mathbf{V}$ |  |  |
| Councillor Jones | $\mathbf{V}$ |  |  |
| Councillor Wallis | $\mathbf{V}$ |  |  |
| Councillor Cole | $\mathbf{V}$ |  |  |
| Councillor Schneeberger |  |  | $\mathbf{V}$ |

Also, IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

220501 To receive Chairman's Opening Remarks.
The Parish Council meeting was chaired by Councillor Howard due to apologies received from Councillor Jordan.
Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.
220502 To receive and accept apologies for absence.
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Councillor Jordan due to work commitments.
220503 To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda RECEIVED.

220504 To discuss the grounds maintenance tender.
The Tender to be discussed had been the preferred one at the April Council meeting, but could not be accepted as the funding required was too high for an already stretched budget and it had been agreed that discussions with the firm concerned were needed in order to look for savings. At the request of the Clerk, Councillor Howard had met with the Firm's contract's manager and it had been agreed that the footpaths maintenance should be cut from 5 times per year (as in their quote) to 2 and also better reflect the contact schedule requirements that "a clear thoroughfare is maintained". A new quote would still be above the $£ 7740$ for this item in the 22/23 budget but the shortfall could be made up from 'The Green' maintenance item.
After some discussion councillor Howard proposed that, subject to receipt of a new tender of below $£ 8500$, the Clerk should accept the contract for Fy 22/23.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Cole.
All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.

