

10. To discuss the hand-over of Parish Council files, laptop and printer from Simon Ashton. Councillor Belinda Bulsing agreed to make arrangements for the handing back of the property of the Parish Council by Simon Ashton as soon as possible.

11. To consider and agree the insurance of the Parish Council. After considering the potential cost savings, the Councillors resolved to take forward the three year insurance option. A payment to Business Services at CAS Ltd in the sum of £186.73 was authorised. (Cheque number: 100411)

12. Finance Report. A payment to Suffolk Association of Local Councils in the sum of £21.60 was authorised for payroll services provided. (Cheque number: 100412)

13. To consider draft Budget 2020-2021. The Councillors considered two options in detail. The Councillors agreed to consider the draft budget for 2020-2021 further at the next meeting.

14. To consider precept rate 2020 options. The Councillors had a lengthy discussion on this item. Councillor Malcolm Owers (Chair) proposed a ten percent raise in the precept. The Councillors agreed to defer this item to the next meeting in January 2020.

15. To report on matter of a mirror on the highway opposite St Catherine's Church. The Parish Council would follow up earlier correspondence with Suffolk County Council Highways as a substantive response is still awaited. Once SCC's position is known the Parish Council would contact the Pettaugh Parochial Church Council about the mirror. The Parish Council is also awaiting a substantive response from SCC about the overgrown hedge at the bus stop along Debenham Way.

16. To consider the request for payment received from Pettaugh Parochial Church Council. The Councillors agreed to make a payment to St Catherine's Church, Pettaugh P.C.C. in the sum of £45 for the hire of St Catherine's Church (on 21 August, 12 September and 3 December 2019). (Cheque Number: 100413). Following full consideration of conflicting advice the Councillors adopted the Government's view and agreed under LGA 1972 S214 (2), (6) and (8) to make a payment in the sum of £186.95 towards the maintenance of the churchyard. (Cheque numbers: 100414).

18. Casual Vacancy. The Councillors noted the position.

19. Date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 6.30 p.m. in the Church.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

M.J.C. 14/1/2020