



# EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL

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To all members of the Parish Council Finance Committee

9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Finance Committee** Meeting of Eastry Parish Council to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 at 7.30pm at The Parish Room for the purposes of transacting the following business.

*J Jones*

**Joanna Jones**  
Clerk to the Parish Council

## AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve reasons for absence

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### 3. FEES & CHARGES

To review fees and charges for 2024/25

- a) Churchyard Fees - Last increased by 10% 2023/24
- b) Allotment Charges increased by 50p from £2.75 on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023 to £3.25 per rod and £3.50 per plot administration charge increased from £3.30 from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023.

### 4. CHURCHYARD GROUND WORK TENDERS

To review tenders and decide on contract.

- a) John Waller & Landscape Services Kent

### 5. BUDGET FOR 2024/25

To discuss and agree the budget & precept for 2024/25 for recommendation to full Council.

- a) Receipts and Payments to date & Predicted outturn for 2023/24
- b) Budget for 2024/25
- c) Precept for 2024/25

2023/24 Precept was £62,167.44. Council tax £72.91 pa. (Band D)

The tax base has decreased from 852.66 to 852.52. Therefore keeping the Council tax the same would decrease the precept by £10.21 to £62,157.23.

Keeping the precept the same would increase the Council tax by £0.01 a year to £72.92. Precept £62,167.44

A 1.99% (£1.45pa) increase in Council Tax would increase the precept by £1,225.95 to £63,393.39. Above this rate £1000 increase in precept = £1.17 increase in Council tax.

### 6. ANNUAL RISK ASSESMENT

To discuss the risks that may affect the council and ensure that measures are in place to reduce those risks.

- a) Financial Risks
- b) Other Risks – Caretaker

## 7. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS

### Requested

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> Sandwich Rainbows £285.27  
Equipment to allow the Rainbow Group to be more inclusive

**Total Grant Fund requested      £285.27**

Budgeted Grant Funds for 2023/24 - Village Organisations £1,500 – 1,000 = £500.00 left

## 8. PAYMENTS

To resolve to pay grant money to successful applicants.

### Committee Members

L Taylor (Chair)   N Kenton      A Barwick      D Russell      M Jones      M Hay