

**THE MEETING OF NETTLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD AT EMN HALL, MONKSILVER  
TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 7.30 pm**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **MINUTES** of the Meeting Held on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 – previously circulated
3. **OPEN FORUM – FOR ALL RESIDENTS**
4. **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
6. **MATTERS of REPORT**

7. **REPORTS - CURRENT**

Chairman’s Report	RW
LCN Area Meeting, ENPA	RW
Highways	MC
Footpaths	RW
Planning	IM/SL
West Somerset Flood Group	CM
Other Parish Matters	RW
Clerk – Finance	ECJ

**Bank reconciliation – previously circulated**

**Cheque payments to be approved:**

1. **SALC annual subscription £54.62 (retrospective approval (last year £51.91))**
2. **Garden Care & Creation – Daren Grelier (invoice requested)**
3. **E C Juffs – salary for October, November, December 2023**

8. **PARISH PRECEPT 2024/5**

**Precept for 2023 - 2024 £2,300** Consider whether the precept remains the same, or increased, bearing in mind reserves now less than £1k.

Matters for consideration:

Clerk’s salary – currently £1084 (there has been no national pay award to date) – proposed + 4% **Budget £1125** as last year.

IT contract and website works – website hosting costs £80, Domain name renewal £45 annually, due 16/5/24, quarterly work to upload and update content budget £280. Proposed **Budget £405**

Subscription to SALC - £54.62 this year. Proposed **Budget £56** (4%)

Training budget - 2 x training courses attended by Chair and Planning Councillor, plus 3 new Councillors proposed **Budget £150**

Zurich Insurance renewal - £167.44 this year. proposed **Budget £175**

Mowing contract – contract for £900 2023 to include church wall. Recommend increase due to fuel costs. Proposed **Budget £950**

Charitable donations - £100 budget each year, but included Quantock Food Bank in 2023 – total £150 for 3 charities. Propose **£150** next year for 3 charities.

Audit – budget £30 – spent £25. Retain **Budget at £30**

Postage, printing and stationery – £45.80 to date and increase to postal costs. **Budget £50**

NB **Contingency** costs currently to be met from reserves of £900, now that website achieved..

**Total Proposed Expenditure £3091**

9. **FUTURE BUSINESS/MATTERS FOR MEMBERS’ INFORMATION**

10. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Signed: *E Carol Juffs*