**UNAPPROVED Minutes of the Yardley Gobion Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee**

1. The Committee met in Chestnut Road Chapel at 4pm Thursday 4th January 2024. Present were Councillors McCord, Stephenson, Curtis and Weston. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Lesley Ratcliffe was present.
2. Cllr McCord as Chair opened the meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting on 26th October 2023 were approved, Cllr Curtis as a Trustee declared a pecuniary interest in discussions concerning the Village Hall.
3. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her work in putting together the information to inform the meeting.
4. Councillors considered a request from Yardley Gobion Festival of Transport working on behalf of Yardley Gobion Village Hall for a grant towards the set up of the Festival and agreed to recommend a sum of £200.00 to come from reserves.
5. Councillors then considered future financial commitments for Yardley Gobion Parish Council, including the refurbishment of School Lane Play Area and The Football Foundation for School Lane playing field football pitches.
6. Councillors agreed to recommend the draft budget for 2024/2025 as follows

Salaries £9,000, Admin £2,250, Street Lighting £5,000, Mowing £8,000, Playing field maintenance £4,346, Playing field equipment £5,000, Allotments £850, Section 137 £2,500, Other £3,000. Total budget = £39,946. This would utilise £2,346 from reserves plus non-precept income of £3,482, leaving an amount of £34,118. See attached spreadsheet for calculations in full.

1. Councillors then agreed to recommend a Precept of £34,118 for 2024/2025.
2. There being no further business the meeting closed at 5pm.