**Minutes of the Annual Precept meeting of the Pilton Parish Council**

**via Zoom**

**on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

Audrey Brown

 David Drew

 Colin Elkin

Stephen Kearle

Joe King

Roger Noble

Lynda Roberts

Andrew Shaw

 Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

The Clerk stated that she expected that the bank account interest may increase due to the balance being higher than last year.

Mendip District Council has been contacted and it is uncertain whether Parish Councils will receive a Covid Grant this year.

Sundries spend is expected to be lower again this year as savings have been made due to the reduced spend on ink cartridges.

All other income and expenditure was expected to remain at a similar value.

Councillor Noble advised that the road side fence at the Burial Ground needs replacing next financial year.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the Burial Secretary and Burial Groundsman should receive a 3% inflationary pay increase.

It was proposed that the precept should remain at £11000.00. One Councillor was in favour and one abstained.

It was proposed that the precept only rise by 3% inflation only, seven Councillors voted in favour of this proposal, one abstained and one voted against.

By a majority it was agreed that Precept would be £11330.00.

The Clerk will notify Mendip District Council.