**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2024**

**Signed: Charman Phil Gaskin**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Cllr Phil Gaskin (Chair) **(PG)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (Deputy Chair) **(KG)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** all declared living in Parish

1. **Precept**

**PG** explained the meaning of Precept and how the Council use their proportion.

Councillors discussed not raising the precept in previous years due to the Pandemic and cost of living. It was discussed in length **PG** wanted to also highlight we still have our portion of the mitigation fund and we are receiving interest on this. **PG** nominated, seconded by **CB**, voted to raise the precept by 10%.

1. **Devolution**

It was agreed by all councillors to express an interest in devolved services this year TH to email Bucks CC devolution for details.

1. **Storage facility**

**PG** Areas in CG were flooded, Environmental health were involved. **CB** the drainage ditch has not been dug out, we raised it with FCC. They inspected and said because the people living alongside were dumping their garden waste etc in there. **PG** to email FCC/Bucks CC, **CS** I feel when flooding happens it is catastrophic and needs to be dealt with quickly. **PG** we don’t have any real storage, maybe we need a small metal shed, especially if we decide to take on services from Bucks CC. **DR** maybe a shipping container. **CB** can we talk to Frank about it, **TH** to email **FM**

**Next meeting 28th Jan 2024**

**Meeting ended 21.00**