**Great Bentley Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19th December 2022 at The Village Hall, Plough Road Great Bentley Colchester CO7 8LG**

Present: Cllr. P. Dennitts (Chair) Cllr. B. Herbert Cllr. R. Adams

 Cllr. L. Edwards

In attendance: Mrs Jennifer Spear (Clerk to the Council)

**12.178.22 To Receive and approve any Apologies of Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr P. Harry, Cllr. R. Taylor, Cllr. A. Clarke, Cllr. G. Wright and Cllr. K. Plummer, these were accepted by the Council.

**12.179.22 To Receive any declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**12.180.22 Minutes of the 1st December 2022 meeting (previously circulated) to be approved and signed.**

**Resolved** , proposed by Cllr L. Edwards, seconded by Cllr B. Herbert, all in favour that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st December 2022 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**12.181.22 Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and matters of mutual interest (time limited to 15 minutes)**

There were no public present.

**12.182.22 To discuss extending the PCSOs contract for a further 3 years from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026**

The Parish Council wanted it noted that it was a very late request, with a very small timetable to turn around this decision.

Resolved – Cllr. R. Adams proposed that the Parish Council resolve to agree to extend the PCSO’s contract for the next 3 years, as long as the cost does not increase by more than 8% per year on the already projected costs for the next 3 years (to be reviewed annually), seconded by Cllr. L. Edwards – all in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

**12.183.22 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

**Resolved** – there were no items to be added.

**12.184.22 To confirm date and time of next meeting**

**Resolved** – that the date of next meeting will be Thursday 5th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12:39

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