

Meeting of finance sub-committee held on 12th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Richard King (Chair), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chair), Tim Oliver and Heather James (Clerk)

Apologies: Claire Foinette

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and formulate the budget for 2020/21 for circulation to the full Parish Council. It was agreed that the precept would be kept as near to previous year as possible.

2. Provision should be made for the following items:

- Mowing costs have been put up to reflect previous years costs.
- Richard proposed the Clerk should move up the pay scale provided by NALC
- Annual auditor fees, to rise as over spend in previous year
- Donations to the usual village activities except EPFA.
In 2019 Jeff Hopkins (executor to Geoff Wickens estate offered to refund £400 donation from EPC. Going forward a donation would not be necessary as funding would come from the Geoff Wickens sports fund.
- Tree Surgery cost has been raised due to extra works predicted.
- Maintenance costs are difficult to predict
- To assist with costs for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- To do repairs to Egerton sign and surrounding planters.
- Provision to part fund floodlighting the church
- Provision has been made for defibrillator upkeep. Peter will check with Stratton Richey to check if he still monitors difibs or someone else has taken on role.

3. Anticipated income:

Recycling	0.00
Concurrent Functions	660 same as 2018/19
Council Tax Grant	410 same as 2018/19
Street Cleaning grant	This has been stopped by ABC

4. Actions:

Clerk will check with ABC what the concurrent function grant and council tax support grant will be for 2020/21 **Action: Clerk**

Make sure rent is collected from Ben Hope for his sheep in lower rec field.

It was decided to keep the rent at same cost as previously.

Action: Clerk

The provisional budget agreed in excel would be circulated to all councillors for approval.

Action: Clerk

The Committee worked through the figures and agreed the budget and precept.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm