

# **Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council**

## **Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council**

**held at 6pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

**in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre**

**Those Present:** Cllr B Hadley (Chairman), Cllrs A Davis, L Hicks, N Randall, L Wilkins, B Wragge. Cllr Sumner arrived during item 3. Cllrs Coventry arrived at 6.45pm.

**In Attendance:** Sharon Henley, Clerk

**Members of Public:** 2

**22/222 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs M Macklin, A Roberts & J Wareing.

**22/223 Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

**22/224 Public Session:** A resident spoke on the current cost of living crisis and urged the Council to put any non-essential expenditure on hold in order to minimise the amount of precept charged to residents.

**22/225 2022-23 Budget (Paper 1):** To note Net Position Report for information, including Year to Date Expenditure. This was noted and the following actions were agreed or noted:

1. The Clerk to check with Bourton Rovers football club on their plans for claiming the large grant which was awarded as this would expire at the end of the financial year.
2. Committees, particularly Youth and Wellbeing, to research suitable grants to fund future projects as there were new funds now available.
3. Quotes were being sought for roof work required for the Community Centre and this sum would be required for next year's budget if funds were not allocated this financial year.
4. The contractor's invoice for £6,327.84 to cover the remedial works to the MUGA was still unpaid, awaiting communications from the contractor. This would need to be funded by Contingency or General Reserves, as previously agreed.

**22/225 2023-24 Budget (Paper 2):**

- 1) To review draft document and agree on budget priorities and matters to be further researched for further input into the draft document: The initial draft budget had been put together with a minimal rise in precept and included use of funds from General Reserves. CDC had not yet advised of the Council Tax Base so exact calculations on the amount of precept could not be made.

The following were agreed:

- a) The Clerk to add in income of £414.16 grass verge cutting from GCC Highways.
- b) The PCC had yet to confirm that they would continue to cut the grass in the churchyard. Alternatively a figure would need to be added to the grounds maintenance contract and the item added to the specification.
- c) A 3 year budget plan to be added to the spreadsheet.
- d) Tourist Levy income could be integrated into the budget when figures were known.
- e) The investment figure for Redwood Bank to be amended to 3% interest but the Bond would expire in November 2023.
- f) It was agreed to include a Health and Wellbeing budget of £520.
- g) The £5,000 allocated for speed reduction may not be required, dependant on monies provided by the Tourist Levy.
- h) Large grants – there should be a zero budget for 2023-24 in order to reduce the precept amount. To be further discussed at the December Council meeting.

- 2) To determine schedule for further Budget meetings. Date agreed as below.

**22/226 Date of Next Budget Meeting:** An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in the Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.51 hours.