



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Francis Hart

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Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 22 October 2020 at 7pm by Zoom Conference.

AGENDA

Part One – Budget Meeting.

The public were invited to notify the Clerk by email at Stantonparishcouncil@gmail.com if they wished to take part in this virtual meeting. Details of how to join the meeting were sent by return. No members of the Public were present.

- 1. Apologies for absence accepted :** Cllr Miller
No apologies received. Reason for absence not accepted – Cllr Smith, Cllr Gordon
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 8 October 2020** were approved and signed.
- 3. Declarations of interest:** The Chair declared an interest in the application for Grant (4d) submitted by the Bowls Club as he is a member but not on the committee. There were no other declarations of interest.
- 4. Budget – to prepare the Precept Application for the Financial Year 2021-22**
 - Staff Salary reviews – deferred to Part 2
 - The Clerk issued a budget analysis for the year 2020/21 showing expenditure to date and projected expenditure for the remainder of the year. It is anticipated that the level of reserve at the end of this Financial year will be in the region of £50,460.

The following items had been submitted for consideration and were discussed and agreed as follows

- (S137 Village Budget) Young person's activities funding pot to remain at £1000 to encourage new clubs
- (Special Projects Budget 2021-22) Relining of Village Hall car park - Up to £4500
- (Special Projects Budget 2021-22) To support further expansion of Youth Bowls – up to £3000
- (Special Projects Budget 2021-22) To support deferred VE Day celebrations – up to £500
- (Special Projects Budget 2021-22) To support costs of Consultant/scoping exercise in relation to expansion of MUGA facilities on the Recreation Ground – up to £3500
- (Reserves) £1000 for Community Transport project

The above matters considered, a total of £11,500 was set aside in Special Projects for the matters agreed. The remaining budget for the year 2021-22 was considered and a draft budget was set.

Changes to last years budget

- Staff Salaries increased in line with expected rise in minimum wage from April 2021.
- Admin and stationery budget increased by £500 to allow for replacement lap top and printer if necessary
- Cemetery legal and admin costs removed from budget and embedded in admin budget
- SALC Subscriptions increased in line with annual rises
- Allotments maintenance increased by £250 to allow for Crime prevention measures
- Village maintenance reduced by £500 as underspent in previous years

- Utilities and grass cutting budgets adjusted in line with inflation.
- £8000 contribution from reserves towards Precept to acknowledge effect of Covid and keep Precept in line with previous year

The final Budget is therefore a decrease of 0.80% on the previous year (Parish Band D Council Tax £74.26). The Budget figures and Precept request will be submitted for approval at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on 13 November 2020

c. S137 Donations

One donation request letter had been received from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. After discussion the following donations were proposed and agreed –

- Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath provider) £100
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) £100
- East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) £50
- Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) £150

d. Grant Applications

One Grant application had been received from Stanton Bowls Club for a Youth Recruitment and Development programme to promote Bowling as an activity to improve physical and mental wellbeing. After discussion the Application for £1000.00 was approved.

Part Two – Section 1 Public Bodies – (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – NOT FOR PUBLICATION

In view of the Confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Chair proposed that it was advisable in the public interest that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded. No members of the Public were present at the time. All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.37pm