

Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

Held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7pm held at The Pavilion

Members Present: Cllrs: L Langrish (LL) Chair C Taylor (CT) Vice-Chair, K Bishop (KB), H Eagger (HE), R Gibbons (RG), G Griffiths (GG), M Hansen (MH), P Kennard (PK), I Mcallister (IM) J Maloney (JM), J Slater (JS)

In attendance: J Tetley (Parish Clerk) Borough Councillor John Payne (JP) and one member of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
167	Welcome by chairman. Apologies were received and accepted from H Breach (HB), H Singh (HS), and P Weir (PW)	
168	No Declarations of Interest	
169	<p>Budget Forecast for Precept to be Agreed</p> <p>Thanks was expressed to IM for all his hard work in producing the budget and forecast.</p> <p>IM presented draft budget previously circulated to all councillors. It was noted that there would be a deficit of £13236 with the forecasted budget for 2022/2023. This could be financed by raising the precept and/or using reserves. The forecast is of £150,000 in reserves however the following needs to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An election reserve of approximately £13,500. Not presently in the budget as it was not included last year, and it is important to be consistent with accounts • Liability of public loan • It is considered good practice to keep 12 months expenditure in reserves (although the figure of 12 months expenditure was discussed and GAPTC recommend 3-12 months, 3 months being for large councils) 	
	<p>Councillor Questions and Statements</p> <p>Q) How was the income for tennis calculated? A) £3k from tennis coaching £3k from membership and pay and play</p> <p>Q) Has the MUGA income been estimated? A) Put up to £15k based on the income this year</p> <p>Q) If PPC don't buy Idsall Car Park and CBC sell it, will there be extra income? A) CBC may come back with different terms, CBC may keep it as a car park, and it is very unlikely if they do sell it PPC will receive any payment in the next financial year</p>	

	<p>Q) On the wish-list what is the £10k planning pavilion for? A) A planning consultant to design a scheme to make the pavilion more functional and to have a community hall. This plan could be presented to the public at the festival and feedback obtained. Grants would be applied for to cover the actual building costs plus PPC have a CIL payment due.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about raising the precept too high resulting in an extra financial burden to our residents.</p> <p>Q) Is the income for 22/23 based on the precept? A) Yes, the figure of £98,750 for this financial year includes the CIL payment. Last year's precept payment was reduced as more households were on income support. The forecast for income for 22/23 has gone up by 13 households.</p> <p>Q) Why do F&GP recommend a 25% increase in the precept? A) If it is raised by 15% it would cover the deficit however this does not consider increases in costs to PPC, for example, increases in electricity, water and broadband costs.</p> <p>Q) What do the staffing costs cover? A) Craig, Jane and an administration assistant. IM and JT reviewed the work being undertaken in the office and an additional 10 hours for an admin assistant may not be enough, considering the extra work being generated by the tennis courts and the festival.</p> <p>It was noted that PK is administrating the allotments for now, and this is also additional hours.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the need for a continuous preventative maintenance program as otherwise it could be a health and safety issue.</p> <p>It was noted that the wish-list is not finite as there could be costs to be considered not thought of, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car park at the playing fields is very dark at night and lights should be installed • Financial support for a local youth programme for disadvantaged kids which other councils currently support <p>A lengthy discussion took place about how much to increase the precept by, what had happened in the past, how much other councils were raising their precept by and the impact on residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LL proposed a motion to accept the budget forecast showing a deficit of £13,283. All councillors were in favour of accepting the budget forecast for 2022/2023</p>	
	<p>Precept Setting</p> <p>F&GP recommended a 25% increase of the precept for 2022/2023 by 3-2 votes. Those in favour of a 25% increase of the precept – 3 Those not in favour of a 25% increase of the precept – 6 Those abstaining – 2</p>	

	<p>LL proposed an increase of 15% of the precept. JS seconded the proposal. Those in favour of a 15% increase in the precept – 5 Those not in favour of a 15% increase in the precept – 6</p>	
	<p>LL proposed an increase of 10% of the precept. JS seconded the proposal. Those in favour of a 10% increase in the precept – 11 Those not in favour of a 10% increase in the precept – 0</p> <p>PPC voted in favour, unanimously, for a 10% increase of the precept for 2022/2023</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.31pm</p>	