



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES HELD via virtual platform (Zoom) 7pm, 10th November 2020

Present: Roni Tinsley (Chair) (RT), Paul Holyman (PH), Trevor England (TE), Phil Marshall (PM), Elaine Foxon (Clerk/RFO) (EF)

Apologies: None

1) Precept 2021-2022

- i) As requested by Full Council, comparable detail of Parish and Town Councils within Blaby District area

Comparable data circulated to all prior to meeting for all Parish and Town Councils within BDC and precept values for current year. 24 total parishes, 20 of which 'precepting' for 2020-2021. Only 2 lower than Thurlaston, namely Elmesthorpe and Kilby.

Details noted.

Decision: EF to circulate to all Members prior to Full Council meeting for reference.

- ii) As requested by Full Council, review of provisional precept detail for 2021-2022 and formalisation of 'actual' precept 2021-2022 ensuring adequate reserves in place

Full review undertaken with revised documentation of options available and revised expenditure details to all prior to meeting.

PH advised following recent Fosse Villages Neighbourhood plan meeting, there is a potential issue with all parties remaining. If any should leave the constitution this would invalidate the current plan and the process would have to start again with costs imminent.

Proposal: £1500 contingency to be allocated specifically for potential costs.

Decision: Agreed. Recommendations to Full Council to be made.

EF advised website support and general IT increase required as overspend this year (accessibility, cloud back-up service), laptop also slowing down (4 years old).

Proposal: increase to £1300.

Decision: Agreed. Recommendations to Full Council to be made.

Discussions relating to all options available for precept and ensuring adequate reserves, which should reflect at least 6 months running costs, which are not held currently, with the evidence supporting increase to over £25k.

PM requested clarity on implications on accounting and audit for EF if increased to in excess of £25k

EF advised that already audited on over £25k 2019-2020 due to grants and VAT etc; completed with additional hours required, although not excessive compared to those previously required for filing 'certificate of exemption' for precept below £25k.

Proposal: £25,500 precept for 2021-2022 which equates to £88.83 for council tax band D, compared to £62.71 for 20-21. An annual increase of £26.12 (£0.50p per week)

Decision: Agreed. Recommendation to Full Council to be made. EF to circulate all relevant documentation to all Members prior to Full Council meeting to be held 17th November 2020.

2) Exchange - Any advices, comments, questions raised in addition to the agenda items specified.

EF requested recommendation to Full Council, for PH to retain cheque book after 17th November 2020 to ensure all monies for the purchase of 'Xmas Goody Bags' for the community can be refunded via cheque upon producing a receipt.

Decision: Agreed. Recommendation to Full Council, for cheques to be raised upon proof of purchases, outside of 17th November and 15th December meetings to all parties specific to 'Xmas Goody bags'.

Meeting Closed 7.40pm

Next Meeting 5th January 2021.