

Present: Cllrs S Woollacott, S Challis, A West, K Cornthwaite and M Fowler

In Attendance: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

260/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr G Baird and V Bolitho

261/20 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None declared.

262/20 **TO CONSIDER THE REMAINING BUDGET FOR 2020-2021 AND ANY SPENDING REQUIREMENTS, TO INCLUDE RESERVES AND EARMARKED FUNDS.**

- I. To include considering if there are funds available to support a proposal for carrying out ground maintenance work to the land adjacent to the A386 by St Pauls Church and the large tree on the Yelverton Roundabout. (Details attached from Cllr Cornthwaite)**

After a discussion it was decided that funds are available for the work to be carried out.

It was agreed in principal and a RECOMMENDATION will be made to full council for the tree work to be carried out on the roundabout, for the work to be carried out on the patch of land between the A386 and St Pauls Church and for a deep clean of the bus shelter. £500 will be set aside for the works.

This item was considered in conjunction with item 9 of the agenda.

Consideration of the budget for the FY 2021-2022

- i.** The Buckland maintenance contract was increased to £15000.
- ii.** The Yelverton ground maintenance was increased to £9000.
- iii.** Clerk Salary and employment costs, small increase to allow for annual increase.
- iv.** Cemetery Tree works has been reduced as the hedge work has now been carried out.
- v.** Cemetery Works was reduced as there is a substantial amount in the reserves.
- vi.** Office Equipment - £500 was put in the budget.
- vii.** Replacement Benches was adjusted to £500.

With the changes the precept increase would be approximately 5.5%.

263/20 **TO CONSIDER THE REBATE FROM WEST DEVON DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS AT YELVERTON. (CLLR WOOLLACOTT)**

A discussion was held around the costs for the toilets to be paid to West Devon.

Due to the closure of the toilets it is considered that the charges for this year (20/21) should be reduced.

A figure will be calculated and taken to full council to decide if an offer should be made to West Devon BC.

264/20 **TO CONSIDER DELEGATED SPENDING POWERS TO EITHER THE CLERK OR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, TO ENABLE SMALL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BETWEEN FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS. TO CONSIDER HOW MUCH THE MAXIMUM SPEND SHOULD BE WITH AN ANNUAL MAXIMUM OF £1500, EACH SPEND TO BE AGREED BY THE FULL GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT A MEETING. ANY FUNDS SPENT WOULD BE REPORTED TO FULL COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.**

A discussion was had around the matter, and different viewpoints put forward.

Emergency delegated powers already exist for the Clerk to spend up to £500 on emergency works.

The Clerk will look into how to improve the procedure for minor expenditure's and make the process more efficient.

265/20 **TO CONSIDER ANY PROJECTS OR BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2021-22 PRIOR TO BUDGET SETTING.**

Replacement cycle racks at Yelverton are still being looked into and it is hoped to get grant funding from a number of sources.

266/20 **TO REVIEW THE LAND RENTAL FEES FOR 2021-2022**

It was decided to keep the land rental fees the same with no increase.

267/20 **RECOMMENDATION ON THE PRECEPT FOR FY 2021-2022**

The RECOMMENDATION to full council for the precept request is for currently **£56,653.00**.

268/20 | **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

To review the cemetery fees and charges.
Clerks Salary Increment
Yelverton Toilet Fees

269/20 | **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

TBC

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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