

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 21/12/20  
Via Zoom at 7pm.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Cllr Sarah Breare, Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Rob Reed (Joining during meeting)

Also present: Julie Bolton - RFO & 0 members of the public.

Zoom Website: <https://zoom.us/j/94792717988> Meeting ID: 947 9271 7988

**A G E N D A**

Item No		LEAD
	<b>Open Session</b> Members of the public are invited to speak for 3 minutes. This item does not form part of the minutes of this meeting. No members of the public present.	
001	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> (RR will join us a few minutes late)	
002	<b>Declaration of Interests and Dispensation</b> None.	
003	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance Meeting 21 11 2020</b> Proposed MS Seconded SB Outcome AGREED	
004	<b>Review of Monthly Expenditures – November 2020</b> RFO updated Councillors that the list of payments from March until now is up-to-date. All monthly expenditures are recorded and easily identifiable. RFO looking to add this to the website under its own tab to be totally transparent. Discussed redacting personal information on list of payments - RFO will bring an updated copy for all Councillors to look at for any comments on full council meeting 05/01/21  RR joined meeting at 19.18, reviewed above with RR  Proposed MS Seconded SB Outcome AGREED	
005	<b>Budget 2021/22</b> RFO made a request to have a Finance tab on the Parish Council website for transparency this would cost between £30-£60 to do so could mean an overspend of £45 - but is necessary Proposed MS Seconded SB RR in agreement. Outcome AGREED	

	<p>Cllrs went over the budget including keeping the legal fees at £1,250 due to ongoing issues in the village</p> <p>Agreed Costs Proposed RR, Seconded SB MS in agreement Outcome AGREED</p>	
006	<p><b>Precept 2021/22</b></p> <p>Finance committee to recommend to Full Parish Council in January 2021 the amount of Precept to be levied in the light of the budgeted expenditure and income.</p> <p>Members to consider comparisons with other councils as Evercreech precept is low in comparison to others around our area. The last 2 years we have subsidised monies from the reserves - this can obviously not continue and make for a viable Parish council.</p> <p>Working out on a zero- based budget going forward (recommendation from the auditor this year) would mean an increase of £1.01 per week per household. If this was to be reduced, we would go into reserves again for the year 2021/22. It is felt the only way to alleviate this would be to reduce costings in another area which we feel would be a negative on the village and not preferable for the village.</p> <p>The only areas that could be considered to cut costs next year would be to shut the Skate park or to not employ another street cleaner. Both it was felt by Councillors would be detrimental to the village.</p> <p>A copy of the precept for all other areas surrounding us to be sent to every Councillor for comparison.</p> <p>Discussed the level of reserves needed and it was acknowledged that we need to make this a higher figure - Going to be put to full council in January meeting 2021</p> <p>Proposed MS Seconded RR SB agreed Outcome AGREED</p>	
007	<p><b>Review of Fees &amp; Charges</b></p> <p>Review of Fees &amp; Charges regarding Burial and memorial fees.</p> <p>Inflationary price increase suggested and to be put to full council January 2021</p> <p>Proposed MS Seconded RR SB agreed Outcome AGREED</p>	
008	<p><b>Review of in-month payments and Direct Debits</b></p> <p>RFO proposed a change to how we pay creditors. Proposed setting up direct debits: for mid-Month payments</p> <p>Proposed RR Seconded MS SB agreed Outcome AGREED</p>	
009	<p>Agenda Items for next meeting</p> <p>To finalise precept after the outcome of the Full council meeting January 2021</p>	
010	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>via Zoom 19th January 2021 at 19.00 hrs</p>	
011	<p>Close of meeting.</p>	

	Time 20.11hrs	
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