

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Precept Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 12th January 2021 via Zoom at 7.00pm.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Sarah Breare, Rob Reed (Chair), Lesley Parham, Mark Saunders

Barry O’Leary joined 19.05.

Also present, Lynn Crisp (Clerk) Julie Bolton (RFO) & 0 members of the public.

Item No		Action
	Open Session Members of the public are invited to speak for 3 minutes. This item does not form part of the minutes of this meeting.	
001	Noted that the meeting is being recorded. Apologies for Absence BOL joined 19.05	
002	Declaration of Interests and Dispensation Cllrs stated their interest as council tax payers of Evercreech Village. Forms will be duly signed at a later date.	
003	Resolution required: To agree to the monthly finance report being uploaded to the Website, with salaries blanked out. Resolve Proposed MS Seconded RR All agreed	
004	Cemetery costs 2021/22 Agree the increase according to costings received. Discussions took place. Resolve: To increase costs by 10% Proposed GW Seconded RW Suggest increasing by 10% for three years to bring us in line with other Mendip cemeteries.' Take forward to next years' budget discussions. Proposed GW Seconded: MS All agreed.	
005	To review and approve budget 2021/22 Resolution required. MS led this session. Noted that RFO would be taking budget adjustment notes. Referred to documents sent out to Cllrs. Significant increase in budget but spending has not increased significantly. Last year's budget was set not recognising that previous budgets were balanced from reserves. The reserves will fall below recommended level if we fall continue using reserves next year. Recommendation to balance budget focusing on our income and expenditure. The following was noted from discussions: Cllrs went through the budget line by line. Take skate park repairs from main budget 3,000 and earmark in COVID 19 grant. Reduce our community grant (grants and donations) to 2,000 and earmark in COVID 19 grant. Other cost cutting was identified. Agreed to keep the Street Cleaner role.	

	<p>Cutting some costs will reduce the precept down from 54.00 to 45.69 approx. Resolve: The budget and precept will be agreed together under item 006.</p>	
006	<p>Resolution required: Members to review information regarding increasing the precept and to agree and set the precept for 2021/22</p> <p>Precept – auditor asked are we running the services we should be based on historic precepts being set too low?</p> <p>The precept needs to be raised in line with our spending and in line with other Parish Council precepts.</p> <p>From COVI19 grant, earmark: 3,000 skate park repairs 2,000 community funds (grants and donations)</p> <p>5,000 earmarked for signage. Some Cllrs felt that these signs should be paid for by industrial estate businesses. However, Cllrs had previously agreed to earmark 5,000 of the Covid 19 grant to the cost of signage. This agreement should not be re visited.</p> <p>MS and RW agreed to visit the companies on Leighton Lane Industrial Estate to speak with them regarding the cost. BOL would like to join them.</p> <p>Resolution required: To agree the precept and budget with adjustments made, based on 951 houses, Precept 45.69 per house. Precept required £43454.</p> <p>Proposed: MS Seconded: LP</p> <p>5 votes for 2 against</p> <p>Resolve: Proposal carried. The budget and precept were set and agreed.</p>	MS/RW
007	<p>Meeting Close 19.52 Lynn Crisp</p>	