

Minutes of Whaddon Parish Council Precept Meeting held on 10th January 2020 at 7.30pm at 68 Bridge Street, Whaddon

Present: Chair L Ginger
Councillors R Scott, N Strudwick, J Hart, A Birch and W Elbourn
Parish Clerk A Bridges

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence – A Milton**
- 2.0 Parish Running Costs budget for 2020/21 – discussion and agreement of recommended budget** – the Parish Running Costs were reviewed. Areas that have been underspent included the training budget and it was agreed that further training should be undertaken. The handyman forecast for 2020/21 was increased slightly due to the employment of a new handyman who was able to undertake many projects for the village. The Cllrs agreed that the recommended Parish Running Costs for 2020/2021 to be £13,156 (2019/20 was £12,940).
- 3.0 Consideration of the Parish Council's Priorities for 2020/21 (and potential financial implications)** – the forecast Parish running costs were reviewed and discussed. The Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust grant was assumed to remain at the same amount as 2019/2020 and to be kept as a joint fund. Future funding requirements relating to the village hall, garage and playground equipment were discussed. It was agreed that the PC would consult the residents of Whaddon over the next 12 months to ascertain what they felt was needed in the village. The PC conducted a Village Plan in 2006 and 2013 to gain input into future projects, many of which were subsequently adopted and completed. The main area of expenditure would be the LHI bid if successful, which would dramatically increase safety on the A1198 by adding a central island before the Whaddon Gap turning and lowering the speed limit to 30MPH, which would require additional signage. The results of the application would be given in March 2020.
- 4.0 Consideration of project costs/additional expenditure for 2020/21 – discussion and agreement of recommended project costs for inclusion in the budget** – It was suggested that funds could be allocated to
 - The Village Hall and Playground - £1,000 for a new fence between the recreation ground and car park, which was damaged and a potential health and safety risk.
 - A further £2,000 was suggested for the village hall, recreation ground and playground for renovation projects.
 - The reserve for the LHI bid which had been submitted was £2,162. It was suggested that a further MVAS unit could be purchased to install around the village depending on the success of the bid.

- 5.0 Review of Projected Income for 2020/21 and Agreement of 2020/21 Precept to be recommended to the Parish Council for approval:** the Cllrs agreed to recommend a total Parish Council funding requirement for 2020/21 (for Parish Running Costs plus additional Project Expenditure) of £18,318. After deducting the anticipated income of £840, the precept for 2020/21 would be £17,478 (2019/20 £17,478). This would equate to a cost per household (Band D equivalent) of £79.88 (2019/20 £79.30). This recommended precept would be considered and approved if appropriate at the next PC meeting. The supporting calculations would be posted on the website and circulated via the village email system. Action: the Clerk.
- 7.0 Items for next Parish Council meeting – noting of requests for agenda items:** Item 6.0 above to be agreed on at the next PC meeting. Action: the Clerk.
- 8.0 Date of next Parish Council meeting - Monday 13th January 2020**

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.