

Burwash Parish Council Finance Committee

Minutes of Burwash Parish Council Finance Committee meeting, held on 2nd December 2019, at 7.00pm in the Parish Room, The Bear Car Park.

Members present: Chair – Cllr. Franklin, Cllr. N. Moore, Cllr. A. Newson, Cllr. D. O’Neill.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. B. McBride (personal reasons), Cllr. S. Moore (business) and Cllr. B. Newman (away)

2. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the previous Finance meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 21st October had been signed at the Full Council meeting on 12th November 2019.

4. Forecast of Expenditure

The Statement of Income and Expenditure to date was inspected by the members.

5. Date for Quarterly Internal Review Process.

It was agreed that Cllr. A. Newson and the Clerk would meet on Friday 13th December at 10am in the Parish Office.

6. Preliminary Budget 2020/21 Proposals.

The members discussed, line by line, the Budget proposals, as drawn up at the meeting on 21st October. They agreed that the costs relating to Traffic and Transport, in particular the proposed adoption of the Car Park, could be high and difficult to predict, although Rother were anticipated to carry the costs for the first year. Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed rise in the precept, and whether it would be at an acceptable level.

However, it was agreed that the proposed Budget would be put to the Full Council on 10th December. See attached Proposed Budget.

7. Grant Applications 2020/21

The members considered the Grant applications received. It was noted that not all organisations had sent in Grant Applications this year, but that the Parish Council had decided to be flexible and hold some funds in reserve this year. As the total value of applications received had already exceeded the total granted last year, the applications would need to be considered more critically:

Proposed Budget for 2020/21 £12,500

2 Applications – Battle Area Community Bus and Burwash Village Magazine Newsletter, more information requested. The two Churches – St Bartholomews and St Philips – recommendation to treat them equally. The two playing fields – Burwash and Burwash Weald & Common MF – recommendation to treat them equally (BWCMF – good use of funds, but too much for members to support in full). Burwash Bonfire, Burwash Scouts, and Village Hall – recommendation – support in full.

8. Transfer funds from Current to Saving Account.

This would be done in the New Year, when members were fully conversant with Internet Banking.

9. Information for noting or including on a future agenda

There were none.

10. Date of next meeting

19.00hrs January 6th 2020, in the Parish Office