

Minutes of a meeting of the '**Blakeney Parish Council Finance Committee**' which was held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm** in the Parish Office, to consider the **Budget & Precept Figures**.

**Present**:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling, Edward Hackford, Neil Thompson, Shirley Everett & Iain Wolfe.

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 0.

1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that Rosemary Thew be appointed as **Chairman** for current financial year.
2. There were no **Apologies for Absence** as all Finance Committee members were present.
3. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from members.

*Cllr, Iain Wolfe arrived.*

4. ***Open Public Session*** – no members of the public were in attendance.
5. **Budget Figures – Year To Date & Year End** – These were worked through line by line.

As already reported via the Annual Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, the balance brought forward was £96,765, (projected was £93,205). The projected income to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 is £138,363, and with a projected expenditure of £118,123, this would give us reserves of £117,005 (up on our projected very low figure of £42,663, as certain expenditure has not arisen.) ***This was agreed by The Finance Committee.***

6. **Budget Figures/Estimated Expenditure for 2019/20** were also worked through line by line, with any possible expenditure item we could reasonably anticipate, having been included.

With anticipated balance at the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 being £117,005, the projected income for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 is £131,450 and with a projected expenditure for the same period of £183,008, this would take the reserves down to £65,447. ***This was agreed by The Finance Committee.***

7. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we shall recommend a **Parish Precept for 2019/20 of £39,000** to the Full Council, as increase of £1,000. This equates to a marginal increase of 32p per annum for a Band D property.

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8. The following key points were also ***proposed & agreed*** via the general budget discussions:-

- The Dinghy Park Management Committee are to be advised that they should work towards being self funding by 2020/21.
- New Carnser Car Park P&D machine to be green, N/T to be advised tomorrow.
- We do not wish to increase charges on The Carnser for the 2019/20 season. We would prefer to see the outcome for a whole season with the new scanning machine in place.
- We do not wish for The National Trust to employ the Car Park Attendants, but to continue with the current arrangements, ie. BPC as the employer and hence we have budgeted with all the above points in mind.
- With regard the BPC & N/T agreement; the only change we agree to for 2019/20 is the installation of the new machine, no other changes.
- We have budgeted to include trenching work along the Quay from our own electric point for Christmas lights along The Quay and will rethink The Pastures in the next financial year, as the battery operated lights will suffice for this year and next.
- Clerk will contact LSI Utility Brokers with regard any possible reductions in electricity costs.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_