



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** Extraordinary Council meeting held at **6.30 pm** on the **1st December 2015** in the Small Hall, Village Hall, Bembridge

PRESENT: Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr C Doe, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr P Pugh, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Humphray, Cllr Bristow and Cllr Marr. Non-attendance Cllr Woodford
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - To receive declarations of any pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
Cllr G Kendall declared a personal and pecuniary interest on the Planning Consultant line of the budget.
- 3. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**
RESOLVED: That in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted
- 4. BUDGET SETTING** - To consider the proposed budget for 2016/17
Income
Grants; the grant element of the precept is posted here and will be next year too. Other grants received are posted under the relevant heading such as Steyne Park Project or Village Partnership.
Pitch Hire/Changing rooms increased due to 4 adult football teams, 5 youth football team and 1 cricket team booking.
Expenditure
Admin
Subscriptions increased due to HALC.
Annual report to go out in the Beacon next year to cut costs
Legal & Professional
Planning Consultant code introduced.
Staffing
Pensions are shown as 3% of salaries.
Salaries will be shown as net and the HMRC contribution NI, NER and Tax but for budgeting comparative purposes you are shown the gross amount.
All salaries include a scale rise and a pay claim of 1% or 2%?
Assistant Clerk includes increase in hours from 25.5 to 30 hours per week
Lengthsmen include additional 30 hours per week
Projects, Events and Donations
Community awards to be delivered this year
Library donation reduced to £2,000 in line with the staggered decline put forward last year
Parish Office
Parish Office Council Tax must be included within the budget as we didn't receive a demand from IWC due to small business rate relief but this could change with the amount of assets taking on.
Have looked into Lengthsmen attending training for PAT testing but costs at present not viable

Lane End Toilets

Lane End Toilets NEW CODES in case we have to take them on from IWC, RNLI still refusing to contribute.

Other Assests/ Maintenance/Gardening

Property Insurance increase budget to cover cost

Tennis court budget for MUGA

Dog Bins budget remains in case Island Roads decide to bill us for 4 dog bins.

Maintenance of ROW

Emergency Phone NEW CODE

Bus Service NEW CODE keep in case an alternative is sought

Localisation of Council Tax support grant loss included £1,000

Sinking Fund to be carried forward:-

£4,000 new van

£40,000 5 year roof fund

£1,000 Housing needs survey

Plus Village Partnership budget underspends to be carried forward

£50,000 Reserve to be used cash in hand

Quickly noting the increases that are required for 2016/17 are as follows:-

£500 Planning consultant

£500 Bus Service

£400 Emergency Phone

£6,000 Lane End Toilets

£2,000 Right of Way Improvements/Maintenance

Anticipate a very similar year end to the past 2 years and we will have approx. £120,000 cash in hand.

Precept Request

Please compare any precept increase to the band D property equivalent which we have worked out roughly on the attached spreadsheet. Our current precept is £126,000 with a band D equivalent of £60.15.

Recommend that we make a precept increase from £126,000 to £140,000 which is a band D equivalent of £66.80 due to the need for additional staff resources and taking on additional services the largest being Lane End Toilets.

RESOLVED: Approved all salaries to include a 2% pay claim

RESOLVED: Approved budget and increase precept from £126,000 to £140,000 for 2016/17.

Cllr Kendall thanked Emma and Jacqui for their work. Need to promote the works we do in the village more as not sure residents realise how much the Parish Council is now doing.

RESOLVED: Issue a press release informing the public of the planned precept increase and what assets, services and events the Parish Council runs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed date of the meeting of the Council – 15th December 2015

Meeting Closed: 7.05pm

Signed:

Dated:.....