

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF YARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2019 at 6.30pm at SANCTUARY HOUSE NURSING HOME**

Present:, Robin Hearn (RH), Anna Isles (AI), Keith Johnston (KJ), Fred Jones (FJ) (Chairman), Fiona Mawson (FM), Nathan Shelton (NSh), Graham Thompson (GT) (Vice-Chairman), Lynne Whitley (LW) (Parish Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies:** John Burford (JB), Michael Gibbard (MG)
- 2) **Declaration of Interests:** There were none recorded.
- 3) **Budget and Grant Allocation 2019/2020:** FJ/ LW outlined the procedures involved in setting the Budget by which the 2019/20 precept would be decided. The Estimate of Expenditure had been supplied to Councillors on 9th January 2019 with copies of each grant request. Administration estimates were accepted under this heading at £15,400. Subscription estimates were accepted under this heading at £905. Miscellaneous estimates were accepted at £39,561 Grant requests were discussed at length and agreed as follows: Playing Fields £17,500, Village Hall £5000, Yarnton Scouts £309, Lunch Club £250, Netball Club £600, Care Committee £250, Begbroke & Yarnton Greenbelt (BYG) campaign £4000, OurBus Bartons £2000 making a total of £29,909 for Grants. As BYG require money urgently to pay for lawyers before CDC Local Plan Partial Review “Examination in Public” FJ proposed YPC take an exception decision to pay their grant of £4000 immediately, all in favour. Grass cutting for 2019/20 is £8000 for the village, £2500 for burial ground and £2000 for St Bartholomew’s churchyard. We have received notification from CDC of the tax base figure for 2019//20 as 1161.1, an increase of 1.9 from last year’s figure of 1159.2. The Government changed the way the Council Tax Base was calculated for 2013/14 onwards which resulted in a reduction in the number of properties upon which Council Tax could be charged. To offset some of these losses, CDC received a grant which was distributed amongst the affected parishes. The grant given to Yarnton Parish Council for 2019/20 will be £1581.45. After completion of the review of the Estimate of Expenditure, the Precept required (including grant) was confirmed as being £92,775 for the year 2019/2020, which was agreed by all present. The Precept calculation based on a Band D property is £92,775-£1581 = £91,194 ÷ 1159.2 = £78.54, an increase of £6.37 from the previous year.
- 4) **Cemetery Fees:** New Table of Fees for cemetery effective from 1st April 2019 proposed GT, agreed by all.
- 5) **Salary Increase:** As the “National Minimum Wage” for over 25’s increases to £8.21 per hour from 1st April it was agreed to increase salaries for David Poulton and Playing Field staff to £8.21 per hour from 1st April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Lynne Whitley
Clerk to the Council

Signed as a true record

Date