

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Cllr L. Johnstone (Chair) Cllr M. Charge
 Cllr J. Coomer Cllr S. Platten
 Cllr S. Hannan
 Clerk: Martin Clark

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Britton (work). No apologies were received from Cllr's Smith or Roff

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None

3. ANNUAL PRECEPT 2018/19:

Members discussed the budget and precept report produced by the Clerk/RFO

The main changes for 2018/19 discussed:

A new budget for a Christmas light switch-on annual event

Reduction in Youth budget due to underspend in 2016/17

Increase in donations budget (first increase for 4 years)

Small grant fund increased by £100

Asset Management decreased by £200

The proposed increase in the Clerks salary was deferred to allow a referral to the NALC Spine points as no award had been made for 4 years.

The anticipated account balances at 31 March 2018 - £51,500

Restricted funds from reserves 2018/19

Neighbourhood Plan - £15300

Future planning (sports and recreation improvements) £5000

War Memorial clean/repair - £1000

Contingency - £7000

Bench replacements - £3200

Youth projects - £2000

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Charge Gainford and Langton Parish Council request a precept of £36480 for 2018/19. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Platten. The Clerk confirmed this would mean a 1.5% decrease in the parish council element of the council tax bill. Band D would be £73.34 pa

4. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – REVIEW OF PAYMENT METHODS/BANKING:

Members discussed the request from the Clerk to consider making improvements in its banking and payments in line with Section 5 of the council’s Financial Regulations, specifically 5.5 to allow the use of a debit card for payments. In addition to use internet banking facilities and BAC’s payment methods.

Members agreed that the Financial Regulation had been agreed and reviewed and this was a way to go forward.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Platten and seconded by Cllr Hannan the parish council apply for a debit card and internet banking in order to improve the council’s methods of paying invoices and purchases in line with approved Financial Regulations.

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