

Meeting of the Resources, Finance, Health and Safety Committee of Tibshelf Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 7pm in Tibshelf Village Hall.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr L Kingscott (Chair), Cllr A Beckett, Cllr S Wood, Cllr J Gilbody, Cllr H Varney, Cllr B Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr M Watkinson and Cllr M Ward.

In attendance: R Tattershaw – Parish Clerk.

RFHS070 1 To receive apologies for absence.
None received.

RFHS071 2 Declaration of Members' Interests
None declared.

RFHS072 3 Requests for Dispensations
To receive and, if appropriate, approve.
None received.

RFHS073 4 Public Speaking
No public present.
Cllr Ward asked for clarification on the internal audits. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council had an annual internal audit and external audit, and that the external audit is published on the Parish Council website.

RFHS074 5 Confidential items
It was **resolved** unanimously that there were no confidential items on the agenda.

RFHS075 6 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Resources, Finance, Health and Safety Committee held 21st November 2023.
It was moved by Cllr Beckett, seconded by Cllr Ward and **resolved** unanimously to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

RFHS076 7 To consider and make recommendations to Full Council for the 2024/25 budget.
The Clerk asked the following points to be considered when considering the draft budgets:

- a) Reserves were projected to be at 50% of the annual precept figure by the end of the current financial year.
- b) Contractors' costs for tree works were incorporated into the maintenance budget code.
- c) The repairs required to the existing cemetery path haven't been included within the draft budgets.
- d) If capping was introduced, it would be based on the previous year's precept figure.
- e) No budget has been included for an event to celebrate the D Day 80th Anniversary in June 2024.
- f) The additional school holidays activities from BDC currently being discussed were not included within the draft budgets.
- g) All current energy supplier contracts end in June/July 2024 and the new contracts will be at a higher rate - this has been accounted for within the draft budgets.
- h) The Village Hall is projected to have a balanced budget by the end of the current financial year. This is due to the increase in revenue, mainly from the bar (run by a volunteer) with all profits going to the Village Hall.

2 Draft budget proposals were considered and the following amendments to be made to the option 1 draft proposal for recommendation to Full Council on the 12th December 2023:

1. Income – baskets/planters to be increased to £1150.00. Sponsorship to be increase to £50.00 and The Clerk to review hanging basket options for business sponsorship.
2. Income - Remaining Covid Grant funds of £5074.00 to be utilised for Parish Events and Activities.
3. Expenditure – Office equipment increase to £250.00.
4. Expenditure – Grants to decrease to £1000.
5. Expenditure – Cemetery waste collection – Clerk to review for Full Council meeting.
6. Expenditure – Keyholder – Clerk to review for Full Council meeting.
7. Expenditure – Play area maintenance increase to £1100.00.
8. Expenditure – Maintenance increase to £16000.00.
9. Expenditure – Christmas lighting increase to £2500.00.
10. Expenditure – Fireworks increase to £6000.00.
11. Expenditure – Remembrance Service increase to £700.00.
12. Expenditure – Community Activities to hold remaining funds.
13. **Earmarked Reserves to be reviewed early 2024.**

It was moved by Cllr Varney, seconded by Cllr Kingscott and **resolved** unanimously to recommend to Full Council a 6% precept increase in the 2024/25 budget, which based on the 23/24 Council Tax Base figure provided by Bolsover District Council accounts for an annual increase per household of £8.70 per year (0.17p per week)

RFHS077 8 To confirm date and time of next meeting.
30th January at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.