



MEETING

Finance Committee

Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 21st December 2020

Via Zoom at 11am

1. Present: Cllrs Thyer, Inns, Boyden, Fitzpatrick
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declarations of Interest: None
4. Review of financial records for the period 1st April- to date. Clerk presented accounts up to 20th December.
5. Precept and Budget Planning for 2021/22. The budget was considered line by line. Key points agreed.
 - Increase the contingency fund held by the parish council given the uncertainty of income due to COVID-19 into 2021.
 - There were also funds allocated to traffic calming and speed cameras for a future date.
 - Add to accumulated funds for restoration and repair to the Clock Tower, Cllr Boyden will investigate any available grants as it is a listed building.
 - Christmas lights. Clerk reported there were a number of broken strands on the clock tower and it was agreed to replace for Christmas 2021, quotes to be obtained.
 - Funds allocated for new picnic benches at Thrift Road, 6 no at £300
 - Funds allocated for cutting of holly bush at cemetery, Reynolds Landscaping have quoted £1500.

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- Funds allocated for Silent Soldier - £500. The one at the pump house was a temporary measure and it should not be attached to a listed building. Free standing one would be preferable. They have come down significantly in price since 2018.
- Fence at Bryants Lane in need of repair/replacing.

Clerk reported that the tax base has increase to 656 in band D and this means that next year's budget will not give rise to an increase in each household precept amount which is £1.02 per week.

6. Review of projects. Lights at Bryants Lane replaced. Disabled access footpath at Thrift Road to proceed as funds were allocated for this in 20/21 Budget.

7. Any Other Business

Meeting closed at 11.45