

Minutes of the **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE** of Buckland Monachorum Parish Council held at Buckland Monachorum Village Hall (Committee Room) on **WEDNESDAY** the **9TH JANUARY 2019** at **7:30pm**

Present: Cllrs S Woollacott, V Bolitho, D Butland, S Challis, G Baird, L Wood

In Attendance: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

7/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr J Morewood, M Fowler.

8/19 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None declared.

9/19 **TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FY 2019/2020**

To keep the precept, increase to a minimum a number of small changes have been made to the proposed budget for 2019/2020 these are;

- 1 The grounds maintenance contract for Buckland Monachorum be reduced by £1500. The budget amount will cover the contract and the cemetery has a ring-fenced amount of money that could be used if necessary.
- 2 The foot paths budget to be increased by £680 to cover repair and the cost of the cuts. It is likely that some of this money will be grant funded.
- 3 Reduce the website budget by £500 as there will be £1000 carried over from 2018/19 budget.
- 4 Reduce the emergency tree work budget by £1000 as £2000 will be carried over from 2018/19 budget.
- 5 Reduce the Crapstone field play equipment budget by £1000. The 2019/2020 budget will be £500 the same as for Buckland Monachorum.
- 6 £200 has been put into the budget for the Neighborhood Plan to move forward (Room booking and Printing costs etc)
- 7 The budget for replacement benches as been reduced by £150, having looked at costings £600 is enough to cover the cost if purchase and installation.

The above changes were discussed and AGREED.

10/19 **RECOMMENDATION ON THE PRECEPT FOR FY2019/2020**

It was **RECOMMENDED** for the total precept (not including Council Tax Support Grant) for FY2019/2020 to be set at **£48902.00** .

The Council Taxbase (the figure to calculate the annual contribution from a Band D Tax household to the precept) for the parish in 2019/2020 will be 1,638.98.

To assist in keeping household Council Tax contribution rises to a minimum, the government has again granted all billing authorities a grant, some of which will be distributed to Parish Councils to minimise the impact of the changes to the taxbase figure. Buckland Monachorum Parish Council will receive a grant of £957 from WDBC, which is a decrease on last year's grant figure. Therefore, the precept requirement will be **£48902** and a total of **£49859** will be received.

For a Band D Tax household, £48902 would equate to an annual contribution of **£29.84** for FY2019/2020 - an increase of 5.87% (£1.67) on the FY2018/19 annual contribution of £28.17

11/19 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA** None

12/19 **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS** None

The meeting closed at 8.25pm