

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Pearce
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr L Macrae
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr C O'Reilly
Cllr A Whyte
Cllr M Williamson (Chairman)
Cllr J Neish
Cllr S Martin
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

There was 1 members of the public present.

108. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Norman-personal
Cllr C Norman-personal
Cllr A Holloway-personal

109. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest – Personal and/or prejudicial and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.

All Councillors declared a pecuniary interest as residents, the Clerk agreed dispensation to allow the precept to be set.

110. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2018.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2018 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Neish, 2nd Cllr Pearce)

111. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly statement of receipts and payments as at 31st October 2018

Noted.

112. Grants and Donations

To consider the following requests:-

112.1 The Villager up to £400 for financial year 2019/20

Resolved: That the Parish Council agree to underwrite The Villager to a maximum of £400 in financial year 2019/20 (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Neish) 8 in favour 1 against.

112.2 To ratify the decision of the Planning & Finance committee (item 33) in respect of LHI BID 2019/20

Resolved: That the decision is ratified (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Neish) 8 in favour 1 abstention.

113. Budgets

113.1 To approve the bank reconciliation as at 08/11/2018

Resolved: That the reconciliation of 8th November 2018 be approved. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Mortlock) All in favour

Before reviewing the budgets The Chairman made a statement reminding members that:-

- CIL money cannot be used for day to day running of the Council.
- The tax base has yet to be confirmed by HDC but calculations have been made using 2018/19 figure.
- Parish Councils are not capped in respect of precept setting.
- An under inflationary increase could result in a need to cut services provided.

113.2 To review the budgets for 2018/19.

It was agreed that the budget was on track for this financial year.

113.3 To set the budgets for 2019/20

Cllr Fountain provided a summary of potential savings in his opinion. A discussion then took place looking at budget lines and requirements. It was agreed that:

- Yellow lines/devolved functions could be reduced by £3000
- No allocation be made for Gifford's Park saving £2000
- Grounds/office equipment reserves be reduced by £1000
- Salaries be increased by £1000 to take account of additional hours and expected inflationary salary increase.
- Budget for tree work at St Johns churchyard be reduced by £1000

114. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2019/20

Resolved; that a precept of £114280 be set for 2019/20. (Prop Cllr Pearce 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

115. Items to report

- Cllr Whyte reported that he will be collecting the Christmas tree next Tuesday.
- Cllr MacPherson suggested consideration be given to a noticeboard by the bus shelter. She also reported the Christmas Bazaar was being held on 1st December 2018.
- Cllr Williamson requested help at the Christmas Bazaar and also Christmas tree light switch on.
Cllr Williamson also stated he would like to thank volunteers who have put themselves forward for the Governance working party and that he would be making a statement about the working party at the December Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Neish spoke regarding the leaflet raising the matter of a new free school. He confirmed that there has been no application to HDC for planning permission nor has the department of education been asked to assess 'need'. The flyer is merely to assess what interest there is in the project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Chairman

Date