

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020**

20069. **Welcome / Apologies / Attendance:**

The Chair welcomed all those attending the meeting remotely as follows:

Councillors : Paul Elmhirst, Sally Lewis, Lesley Collingridge

Clerk : Ruth Swales

Apologies were received from Cllr Juan Brooks.

20070. **Budgeting:**

20070.1 - Council reviewed the predicted outturn for year ending 31 March 2021 against the 2020/21 budget and noted predicted income is expected to be 4.5% below budget but this is only because the budgeted income from Burrige Homes had been received in the previous accounting period.

- Council noted that predicted expenditure was 16% below budget primarily because the budgeted expenditure on re-grading the grips and ditches and funding the drainage investigation had not proceeded.
- As a result Council noted a predicted surplus at year end of £775 which would lead to predicted current account reserves of c. £11K along with the c. £5K held in the NS&I Reserve.

20070.2 - Council noted that Selby DC had advised that they propose to freeze Council tax in 2021/22 and that NYCC intend proposing an increase of 2% which had been estimated as an increase of c. £27 p.a. for an average household

- In the light of this information, the financial challenges many face as a result of Covid and the size of the Parish Council's reserves, Council **RESOLVED** to submit a precept notification for 2021/22 of £4,000 - a reduction of £711 (-15%) on 2020/21. This is estimated as a decrease of £4 p.a. for an average household (a reduction of 16.5%).

20070.3 - Council considered the annual budget proposals for 2021/2022 and noted that assuming the reduced precept; that the one year extension under the RPA Stewardship scheme was approved and that the Fearndale easement grants were received that predicted income would be c. £19,150.

- Council reviewed proposals for all regular items of expenditure and after noting a predicted surplus of c.£11.6K **RESOLVED** to budget for the replacement of 5 street lights with an LED upgrade which is estimated to cost c. £4,250.
- Council **RESOLVED** to approve and publish the resultant 2021/22 budget.

20071 Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

Ruth Swales re upgrade of Zoom to an annual pro package	£115.10
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – a donation to be classified as S137 expenditure	£20.00

Chairman's initials

Signed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 17 December 2020	PAUL ELMHIRST	4 February 2021
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