

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm.

PC MEMBERS

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	Mr. K. Davies
	Miss H. Booker
	Mrs. L. Bilbe
Parish Clerk	Ms J. Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr. R. Fletcher. Miss A. Mack.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Public Forum: Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, the public may also

speak about specific items of business as they arise, with the permission of the Chairman.

None present.

4. Budget – Review current FY budget actuals.

No anomalies, Clerk had given forecast on the major items until end of the year and items will finish on budget or below. Some areas running under budget, any amounts under budget will be carried forward to year 2023/24 or transferred to Capital reserves.

5. Budget for FY 2023/2020 – Review

Precept budget

The Clerk had circulated draft 1 of the budget for FY2023/24 prior to the meeting. The receipts were reviewed item by item taking into account cost of living and any potential anticipated changes, the precept uplift was estimated at 8%.

The payment items were reviewed line by line, staff salaries increased by 5% to account for any pay scale changes to salaries. Several administration areas no uplift, in particular the telephone and broadband as a new contract has been taken with BT which reduces the current cost, this will come into effect this financial year in the next month.

The Chairman stated that Councillors allowance should be added which can be £10.00 per month per councillor, to cover expenses, such as ink and paper for home printers and any mileage. This was agreed.

Some additional costs next year to be added, support for the Correspondent, Climate Environment allocated £2K and Parish Elections £3K, this could be significantly less if uncontested.

The most uplift on any items was 5% and many staying the same budget for next year as this year. In conclusion after producing a balanced budget;
Resolved to increase Precept by 8%

Capital Budget

Vice Chairman had been preparing the Capital budget with the results of the consultation defining certain projects. He had been in discussion with Cllr. Booker, there are still some areas that need defining.

Resolved Vice Chairman, Clerk and Cllr. Booker to review and circulate draft before PC meeting 16th November so the Capital Budget can be finalised at meeting on 16th.

Ear Marked Reserves

Had been reviewed some are out of date and certain EMR's need redefining.

Resolved finalise at next PC meeting.

Forecast Major projects

Will be included in Draft to be circulated with Capital budget

15. To note Date of the Next WPC Meeting 16 November 2022

Meeting closed at 21.43

Signed.....Date.....