

**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of North Baddesley Parish Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Sandy Lane, North Baddesley**

**Present:** Councillor D Knight (Chair), D Middlewick, R Walmsley and V Wotton

**Absent:** Cllr G Louden

**In Attendance:** J Harrington, Clerk (Minutes)

19-20/0384

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

19-20/0385

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

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**FINANCES**

The meeting was held to study the budget sheets and the income and expenditure received and paid out to the end of the financial year 2019/20 and to estimate income and expenditure for the following year in order to set the precept figure.

Cllr Knight had produced a spreadsheet detailing the Parish Council’s Income and Expenditure to the end of the financial year 2019/20. Also included for comparison were last year’s figures and Cllr Knight and the Clerk had met previously to determine their estimates for next year.

Each item of income and expenditure was discussed and considered after comparison with last year’s figures and Cllr Knight and the Clerk’s figures. Estimates were then made for the proposed income and expenditure for the forthcoming financial year 20/21.

19-20/0387

**PROPOSED ACTION**

A proposed precept figure was determined and it was agreed that this figure would be put to members of the Parish Council for their approval at the forthcoming Full Council meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk would then request the agreed amount from TVBC by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**RESOLVED: that the proposed precept figure be put to members at the next Full Council meeting.**

It was agreed to take the following action:

Beadle advertising – Charities advertising within the village would continue to be free of charge. Charities outside the village would be charged at the current commercial rate with no VAT added. Commercial rates for those advertising within the village would remain the same as last year. Commercial rates for those advertising outside the village would be charged 10% more. New charging would commence from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

Community Centre rent – will remain the same as last year. The lease runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to end March. TVBC lease with Parish Council runs from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> February. As the Parish Council is hoping to give up the lease with TVBC, Community Centre's lease will terminate end February. Therefore rent will be same as last year minus one month.

Pitch hire by the Football Clubs – will increase by 1.5%

Pavilion hire plus outside space – will remain the same as last year

Allotment hire will increase to £21 for a small plot and £42 for a large plot.

Dog bin costs will be recharged to the charity account.

The Clerk will get a quote for a new desk from btooffice.furniture.

The Parish Council discussed the risk of the possibility of incurring considerable costs when the Community Centre is handed back to TVBC. A token sum of £10,000 has been allocated but the fact that it could be more was discussed and it was agreed that reserves could be drawn upon if necessary.

The Clerk would arrange for the trees in Heath Road to be risk assessed.

The Clerk would ask the contractor for a meter reading for the electricity at the pavilion as the bills were currently quite high.

A meter reading for water would also be requested.

The contractor to liaise with Cllrs Knight and Middlewick concerning the thermostats at the pavilion as the room temperature was too hot.

The Clerk would investigate a new Broadband deal.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk to remind the contractor that the alarm is not working at the pavilion due to a fault on the container.

The Clerk to request a land registry plan in connection with the rear garden extension meeting to be held the following week.

The meeting closed at 10pm.