

**Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of North Baddesley Parish Council held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm.**

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

**Absent:** None

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

20-21/0356

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

20-21/0357

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

20-21/0358

**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 2020/21 and to estimate income and expenditure for the following year (2021/22) 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 2020/21. Also included for comparison were last year's figures, and Cllrs Knight, Walmsley and the Clerk had met previously to determine their estimates for next year. Cllr Walmsley had produced an amended budget sheet to be presented to members at the meeting.

Each item of income and expenditure was discussed and considered after comparison with last year's figures and Cllrs Knight, Walmsley and the Clerk's figures. Estimates were then made for the proposed income and expenditure for the forthcoming financial year 21/22.

20-21/0359

**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 11<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk would then request the agreed amount from TVBC by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**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 – Rates to stay the same as last year.

Community Centre rent – will remain the same as last year but will only be charged at 11/12ths as the Lease was due to be terminated in February 2022. As the Parish Council is hoping to give up the lease with TVBC, the Community Centre's lease will also terminate at the end of February 2022.

Pitch hire by the Football Clubs – There is now only one football club using the pitches. Baddesley Park and Baddesley Vets have amalgamated, and Southampton Women's no longer use the pitches. It was previously agreed that Baddesley Park's pitch hire would be free for the first quarter of year commencing April 2021 and would be charged at £500 per quarter thereafter making a total of £1500 for the year.

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

Allotment hire will stay the same as last year.

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.

20-21/0360

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk reported that the groundsman had donated £30 that he had been paid for maintenance of the war graves, to the Royal British Legion.

No works had been carried out on the Millennium trees, but the groundsman had confirmed that works would be resumed in the spring.

A quotation from the groundsman to redecorate the main room at the pavilion was expected shortly.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.