



Tetsworth Parish Council

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Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 25th November 2019

Present:

Chair Cllr Paul Carr (PGC)

Vice Chair Cllr Seb Mossop (SM)

Cllr Christopher Thompson (CT)

Cllr Susan Rufus (SR)

Officer: Helen Croxford (HC)

Members of the public: 2

Apologies for Absence – Cllr. Ali Dewson (AD)

175. To Receive Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting – **There were NONE**

176. To discuss the distribution of the precept and budget allocation for the coming financial year.

The draft Budget for a total sum of £24,581 was **AGREED** with an overall increase on the previous year's Budget. Councillors considered that a number of small increases or decreases for individual Budget items since 2019/2020 allocations were justified as follows:

Village Green Maintenance – Increase

Tree Maintenance – Increase

Enhancement of Village – Decrease

PATCH – Increase

Skate Park – Decrease

Contractor Maintenance – Decrease
Grass Cutting – Increase
Clerk Salary – Increase
Subscriptions – Decrease
Training – Increase
Village Hall Rental – Increase
Election Set Aside – Increase

Councillors recognised that the budget should reflect the costs incurred by the unprecedented maintenance costs, establishment of the new Council and the necessary increase to the Clerk's working hours, not anticipated by the 2019/2020 Budget. In addition, funds carried over from 2019/2020 would not leave the required reserve of three months' expenditure for contingencies in 2020/2021, requiring a further £1000 to be added to the precept. Accordingly, a precept of £25581 would be required for 2020/2021. This would be almost a 21% increase on the 2019/2020 precept; although the budget for routine outgoings has only increased by around 4%, the provision of an adequate reserve and the increase in both the Clerk's salary and working hours to comply with national guidelines account for the rest. Overall, this would amount to £82.50 for a Council Tax Band D property.

The proposal to request an overall precept of £25,581.00 was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

177. To Discuss the Following Planning Applications.

a) Application Reference: P19/S3402/FUL Barn at Tetsworth Judds Lane Tetsworth OX9 7BN

Erection of a dwelling, parking, access, landscaping and associated works following the demolition of the existing redundant agricultural barn. **NO OBJECTIONS – AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

b) Application Reference: P19/S4086/FUL At Thistley Piece 59 High Street Tetsworth OX9 7BS

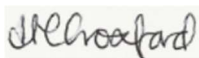
Conversion and Extension of the Existing building to create 3 x 3 bed houses, and the construction of 3 x 3 bed houses to the rear, together with Associated landscaping, following demolition of existing outbuildings and other works.

NO OBJECTION WITH COMMENTS – TPC would like to note that the gardens of the 3 smaller properties are less than South Oxfordshire design guidelines which may be overcome by a reduction in the number of dwellings proposed. **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

178. Date of the next meeting 9th December 2019 at 7.30pm

179. Meeting Closed 21.34pm

180. Open Forum.



Helen Croxford Clerk & RFO