



Tarleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane, Tarleton

Present

Cllrs. Kay; Baybutt; Bryan; Evans; Latham; Lockwood; Mee and Sutton.
Two members of the public were present.

2017/084 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2017/085 Apologies for absence: Cllr. Barron.

2017/086 Notifications of Interests: None.

2017/087 Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2017/088 Clerks Report (for information only)

The Clerk recorded that much of his work over the last month had been in preparing the budget and quarter ending accounts.

2017/089 Parish Council Working Groups: No matters arising.

2017/090 Financial Matters

(a) It was resolved that the payments listed should be approved.

(b) Items of income received since last meeting were noted.

(c) Parish Council's financial position to 31 December 2017 – The Council noted the Clerks report.

(d) Members reviewed fees and charges for 2018/19 and agreed that they should remain unchanged. They are attached as a scheduled to these minutes.

(e) Budget and setting of precept 2018/19:

- i. West Lancashire Borough Council had informed the Council that the levels of concurrent grant would reduce to £4446 in 2018/19. The Council Tax Support Grant would also fall to £3446.
- ii. Members resolved that, given the current economic climate, the parish precept for 2018/19 should remain close to the current year's level. In setting the rate there can be a slight fluctuation received by the parish as the tax base (number of properties) can vary year on year. The precept was agreed at £70,000.

- iii. The budget for 2018/198 drafted by the Finance Group was agreed. There was one minor amendment made in that the contribution to the Church graveyard was increased from £750 to £900. The significant variations from the standard budget are listed as specific projects under Cost Centre 8. The contribution to Mere Brow Village Hall was agreed but this was subject to further analysis of the projects. Other sources of grant, especially for the disabled toilets could be sought and the funding from the Parish Council could be either grant or an interest free loan.
- iv. The full budget requires £70668 to be made available from reserves. This reduction in reserves would still see cash held at a prudent level.
- v. Reserves included circa £55,000 from the sale of the former Over 60's Club which are required to be "ring-fenced" for capital projects and CiL monies that equally should not be used to fund day to day revenue items.
- vi. The detailed budget is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

2017/091 Planning Matters

Weekly planning applications considered:

- a) 2017/1071/FUL 10 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6UB
- b) 2017/1262/FUL 1 Mere Brow Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6JP
- c) 2017/1299/FUL 3 Tabby Nook, Mere Brow, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire

It was resolved that no representation should be made on any of the applications.

2017/092 Holy Trinity Church – Sunday Club – Donation Request

A request has been made for a donation to the newly formed Sunday Club. The monies will be used to provide resources needed in the initial setting up of the Club. Members resolved to make a donation of £200.

2017/093 Correspondence

There were no matters of correspondence to discuss.

2017/094 Next Meeting

The date and location of the next meeting scheduled for Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane.