

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF SILVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2018

Present: Cllrs A Melville (Chairman), F Derbyshire, S Roach, K Faulhaber, V Maylan & E Trebble

District Cllr B Deed

Minute 113903 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Lacey & P Allwright

Minute 113904 Meeting open to members of the public – 10 minutes

No members present

Minute 113905 Budget items for consideration to include:

(i) Consider plans prepared by Cllr Faulhaber re refurbishment of Jubilee Garden

Cllr Faulhaber gave a resume of the draft plans and suggested all the plants be removed from the area in order it can be cut back/tidied and thereafter grassed. Weeds are growing up the fence and a concrete mowing strip would also be required. He suggested the raised planters be converted into seating. Cllr Roach queried if this would prove a danger for children with skateboards? After discussion Cllr Maylan proposed that the Council's proposals for the area be included in the Parish Newsletter and invite comments from Parishioners.

(ii) Any possible projects for Communities Together Funding

No projects currently

(iii) Consider multi-recycling bin for the Square

The Clerk had spoken with MDDC who had confirmed they do not supply the type of multi-recycling units the Parish Council had in mind. MDDC indicated a new unit will only be emptied by them if it replaces an existing recycling bin. It was also suggested by MDDC that the Parish Council may wish to save money and instead run a campaign encouraging Parishioners to take their rubbish home and to recycle it themselves. MDDC pointed out that the recycling unit may not be used properly and the unit could end up with mixed recycling (which can include dog bags) and this defies the object.

A discussion relating to recycling units arose with District Cll Deed after which the Chairman proposed the Parish Council write to MDDC thanking them for the advice and confirming the Parish Council would like to have dedicated recycling units in the Square and could this be considered when the next refuse contract is drawn up. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

(iv) Consider donation to village Christmas Celebrations 2019

After discussion Cllr Derbyshire proposed a donation of £100.00 be given towards the Christmas Celebrations which sum was to include the purchase of the Christmas tree. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

Minute 113906 Consider tenders for grass cutting for financial year 2019/2020

It was noted that MDDC had declined to tender District Cllr Deed stated he would speak with MDDC on this point.

Only one tender had been received and this was from our current Contractor, D&G Home & Garden, giving a total figure of £270.00 for a minimum of 2 cuts between the months of March to October. The Parish Council felt the wording of the tender was a little ambiguous and Cllr Roach proposed the tender be accepted subject to the Clerk obtaining clarification that the cost would be £270 per cut with 2 cuts being undertaken during March to October inclusively. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 113907 Approve appointment of Internal Auditor

The Clerk confirmed that Mr David Hinchliffe had stated he would be willing to audit the Parish Council accounts for the same fee as last year. Cllr Roach proposed Mr Hinchliffe be appointed the Council's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2019/2020. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal, A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 113908 To consider budget papers prepared by Clerk/Vice-Chair and set precept for the financial year ending 31 March 2020

The Chairman informed the meeting that when considering the draft figures with the Clerk over the weekend he had felt the current amount held in the Bank accounts was on the high side and therefore he suggested inserting the same figures as those shown for the current financial year.

The Clerk pointed out that a Condition Report was due on the Lime Trees on the Bury and after discussion a figure of £4,000.00 was budgeted for the report and any associated maintenance works arising therefrom.

The draft Budget papers prepared by the Clerk & Chairman were considered and anticipated expenditure for the year 2019/2020 was agreed as per the "Anticipated Expenditure" form.

Cllr Derbyshire proposed a precept of £20,000.00. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

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