

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY 2018 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillors Mr. Robert Cross (MC) Chairman
Mr. John Storer (RS)
Mr. Stephen Spedding (SSg)
Mrs. Maureen Lunn (ML)
Mr. Stephen Short (SS)
Mrs. Katie Stark (KS)
Mr. Jake Beaty (JB)
Parish Clerk - Miss Sarah Brown

Action

01.01.00 **Chairman's Welcome**

01.01.01 The Chairman Cllr. Robert Cross welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

01.02.00 **Public Forum**

01.02.01 No members of the public were present.

01.03.00 **Acceptance of reasons for absence**

01.03.01 No apologies were received.

01.04.00 **Declarations of interest**

01.04.01 There were no declarations of interest.

01.05.00 **To Discuss and set the budget for 2019 to 2020.**

01.05.01 After looking at the accounts and analyzing the figures it was decided that we had spent this year a grand total of £28,096.53 of that £16,953.58 was spent on replacing the heating system in the Village Hall. So only £11,142.95 had been spent of the precept so far, this financial year. The Parish Council had tried to keep spending down to a minimum, and it had been helped by the weather this year as the long dry summer had helped cut the grass cutting costs lower than normal.

01.05.02 The heating system had come out of reserves so the reserves would need replenishing so in 20 to 25 years' time when the heating system needs replacing again, there would be funds available. It was agreed after the next 3 months of the financial year, any money left over from the precept would be put in the reserves ready for the next emergency, for example if there's any problems with the roof.

01.05.03 With not knowing what the weather will be like it was decided to budget the same amount for the handyman and for grass cutting as this year just adding three percent to cover inflation. The rest of the budget three percent would be added to cover inflation. This coming year we have been advised to budget £2000 for an election in May, which needs adding on.

01.05.04 It was also discussed about other expensive village maintenance which needs doing in the next couple of years so would also need budgeting for. The first is the trees around The Castle Hill site need pollarding again which would cost somewhere between £2-6k depending on how many are done at a time and if the dead trees are removed altogether at the same time. The fence next to the drainage ditch at Castle Hill will either need removing or replacing. This year the Council tax grant we received from NKDC has been stopped so the amount would be lower to start with and that would need considering.

01.06.00 **To set the precept level for 2019 to 2020**

After discussing the amount needed to be budgeted for the upcoming year, the Parish Council agreed it would apply for an increase of 5% on the total amount of funding given last year which was £20196.00, which means The Welbourn Parish would receive the total sum of £21,101.71

Clerk

01.07.00 **Date for the next meeting and meeting schedule for the coming year:**

- Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 7.30pm

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair, Welbourn Parish Council.

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