

Berkswell Parish Council – Extraordinary meeting 18th January 2018

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell held in the Balsall & Berkswell Hornets Clubhouse, Lavender Hall Lane, Berkswell on 18th January 2017 at 7:15 pm.

Item	Topic	Action by										
	<p>1. Attendance: Cllrs Burrow, Howles, Drake, Edwards, Cambage & Lloyd and the Clerk plus one member of the public.</p> <p>2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Hitchcock, Cllr Bell (SMBC) and Keith Tindall</p> <p>3. Acceptance of Apologies: All apologies were accepted</p> <p>4. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>5. Open Forum The member of the public in attendance had nothing to comment on at this time.</p> <p>6. 2018/19 Budget and Precept</p> <p>a) Council discussed options for the 2018/19 budget and precept. After discussion, Council agreed unanimously with the budgets for each head of expenditure with the exception of the following which went to a vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Allowances and Expenses – Option 1 was approved by 5 votes to one (Cllr Lloyd) • Grants and Donations – Option 1 was approved after a vote for Option two was lost <p>b) Council agreed on setting the 2018/19 budget at £48,052.</p> <p>c) In determining the 2018/19 Precept, Council debated whether or not to make a contribution out of reserves to reduce the precept charge and to reduce the level of reserves. Council agreed to set the Band D precept charge at the same figure as for 2017/18 which was £16.91. This would require a contribution from reserves of £21,830. This figure is made up of two components, use of a VAT refund expected in 2018/19 of c. £7,800 (which will increase available reserves by that amount) and the use of General Reserves of £14,030. Based on the above a contribution of £21,830 towards the 2018/19 budget was agreed by Council. Council noted that this will result in estimated closing reserves for 2018/19 of c. £49k which is in line with Council policy to maintain its general reserve at a level commensurate with the value of the annual budget.</p> <p>In summary, Council agreed the following (also see the attached schedules):</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">2018/19 Budget</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£48,052</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018/19 Support Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£267</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contribution from reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£21,830</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018/19 Precept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25,955</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Band D precept charge</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.91</td> </tr> </table> <p>Details of the 2018/19 budget and precept calculation are attached below.</p>	2018/19 Budget	£48,052	2018/19 Support Grant	£267	Contribution from reserves	£21,830	2018/19 Precept	£25,955	Band D precept charge	£16.91	
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	<p>7. Next Meeting Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 8 February 2018 at 7.15pm, in the Jordan Room, St John Baptist Church, Berkswell.</p>	
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Berkswell Parish Council Budget - 2018/19	
	2018/19
	Agreed Budget
EXPENDITURE	
Employee Pay & Allowances	9,452
Councillor Allowances & expenses	4,616
Administration	3,985
Communications	600
Specialist Advice	5,000
Local Plans	5,500
Public Safety (net of VAT)	-
Grants & Donations	7,000
S.137	4,063
Heritage & Maintenance	3,644
Total Expenditure (excl VAT)	43,859
Contingency	2,193
Total Expenditure (including Contingency, ex VAT)	46,052
VAT (assume VAT is neutral in each year)	2,000
Total Expenditure (inc VAT)	48,052

<u>Calculation of Precept - 2018/19</u>	Agreed Budget
Budget	48,052
Deduct Indicative Support Grant	267
Deduct contribution from reserves	21,830
Precept	25,955
Band D precept charge	16.91
Indicative number of Band D equivalent dwellings 2018/19	1,535