

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE meeting
held on November 10th 2019 at 5pm
in The Council Chambers, Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm**

Councillors:

- * Cllr Bamforth (Chairman)
- * Cllr Barr
- * Cllr Powell
- * Cllr Johnstone
- * Cllr Buckley
- * Cllr Gowland

Also in attendance:

- Cllr Hawley
- Cllr Marks
- Cllr Fradgley
- Kerry Duffin (Clerk)

1. Introduction and Housekeeping

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Griffiths.

3. Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have had in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item was reached.

4. Overview of the Figures

Councillors looked at the overview figures presented. Several questions were raised regarding checks and balances of grants, ensuring that funding is invested in what it was applied for. A new grants structure to be addressed in a future Resources Committee meeting, ensuring that applications are for specific and not general spend.

5. Precept 20/21

Discussion took place regarding recent increases, the need to ensure that the Council has sufficient resources to deliver effective and efficient services, and that not increasing precept potentially puts the Parish Council and its services at risk.

6. Detailed Review of Figures

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Council discussed the figures in relation to current year forecasts. A reflection was sought from the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer as to how the figures appeared in relation to current activity.

Council reiterated that sufficient budget is needed for the new Council to be effective but not with major new project activity. Potential new activity was discussed especially where Warrington Borough Council is reducing its service, for example leaf collection and drain clearance.

Public Works Loan Board was discussed as a potential source of funding for larger projects which may not have been foreseen or budgeted for.

PCSO post was renamed as Community Safety. A discussion of PCSO / Community Safety funding to be discussed at a future meeting, looking at the option of several part time Community/Village Wardens instead of PCSO. The pros and cons to be fully assessed before a decision is made alongside a full review of the value of the current PCSO investment.

Staffing changes are to be taken to Staffing Committee for discussion and development.

Chairman's Allowance to remain the same level and to be claimed at the discretion of the future Chairman.

Clerk to check the Election costs in SAGE, ensuring that they are fully accounted for.

Consideration is needed of the impact of the energy audit on the village hall. Any investments will ideally be cancelled out by reduced spending on utilities.

The village hall repair budget was increased to £10k from £7k.

Deposit for regular hirers to be taken to a future Resources Committee Meeting due to damage to council furniture.

Lymm in Bloom funding to be added as a specific payment due to RHS insurance terms.

Planning figures seemed reasonable due to the future of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as the development of the Local Plan, especially in relation to greenbelt.

7. Agreement of Recommendations to take to Full Council

A proposal was made by Cllr Buckley to increase the precept to 9%, with the additional £2750 being used as contingency and was seconded by Cllr Barr. All Resources

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Committee members were in agreement. It was **RESOLVED** to take this proposal to Full Council on November 12th.

Meeting ended at 6.40pm