

TRESWELL WITH COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 7th December, 2021, 7.00 pm
Clerk: Sara Stilliard 01427 881582 TreswithCott@outlook.com

Present: N Salter (in the Chair); H Cope; F Tomlinson; J Rose; L Mockridge; A Mockridge;

Also present: Clerk - S Stilliard

Parish Residents: none present

Guests: none

PUBLIC FORUM: none present

Extraordinary PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12.21.01. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Dean Bowdens and Ray Fox which were accepted by Council

12.21.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - None

12.21.03. Chairman's remarks on the Agenda

The chair said that the meeting was required to agree the PC's budget for the financial year 2022/23 and as a result determine what Precept should be levied to fund planned actions for the villages. The other item on the agenda was to agree on a PC newsletter and to start this project

12.21.04. Financial matters

12.21.04.1 Agreeing a budget for 2022/23

The Clerk had previously circulated projected spend to the end of 2021/22 and had forecast recurring and necessary expenditure for 2022/23. Council then debated various other projects / possible spend for the year to include the following new areas:-

Grass cutting

Lengthsman

Quarterly Newsletter

Website

Jubilee celebrations

Emergency precautions such as sand bags / grit bins

Traffic calming measures

Council agreed on a spend for the year of circa £11,000. Whilst the PC does have reserves it would not be able to fund this and currently the Precept is set at only £2,550 which precludes any spend on village projects.

12.21.04.2 The Precept for 2022/23

In order to fund the budget Council agreed to set the Precept for the upcoming financial year at £5,500 which would allow the budget spend without completely emptying PC reserves, which is not permitted

This Precept amount is still extremely low in comparison to adjoining Parishes of a similar size where typically their Precept is set at £10,000.

Currently Parishioners pay £1.15 (Band D Council Tax) per month towards the Precept. The new level would result in a cost of £3.64 per month – still a very low contribution

Council voted unanimously to adopt the budget and request a Precept of £5,500 **Action Clerk to apply for it in January 2022 and also to apply for grants such as Street Cleaning and Lengthsman grants if still available**

12.21.05. Village Newsletter

Council agreed that a newsletter, produced and distributed by the PC, would be welcomed by residents and the first was scheduled for distribution in January with the following content:-

- What the PC does and Councillor details
- Details of the new Precept and what it means for residents
- Village Hall events for 2022
- Report from the West Burton Planning Group
- How to report crime and speeding in the villages
- Request for suggestions from residents to the PC

Councillor Cope very kindly offered to print the newsletter and all Councillors agreed to distribute it at the end of January and to contribute to the writing / production of each newsletter **Action All**
Action Clerk to provide the text for the first 2 items above

The Chair closed the meeting at 8pm and wished everyone Happy Christmas

Dates of Meetings for 2022 - Meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of each month with a 7 pm start

January 4th
March 1st
May 3rd
July 5th
September 6th
November 1st

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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