

APPENDIX F7b

Notes on Proposed Budget 2020-2021

Income

I have allowed for the precept, community infrastructure levy, members budget grant and VAT reclaim. The latter has not yet been made. It is an estimate and relates mainly to VAT on the Lower Pumphouse renovation works.

Expenditure

Administration £7329

2019-2020

It is estimated that in 19/20 we will spend less on Clerk salary, training, insurance, website, parish hall fees, and CWAC elections recharge than allowed for in the 19/20 budget. However, we will probably spend more on Clerk pension (due to increase in % payable), Clerk expenses (due to travel necessitated by the election), office expenses (due to purchase of Good Councillor Guide, postbox and defibrillator pads).

2020-2021

Clerk salary has been increased by £200 over actual 19/20 to allow for % increase and increment. Despite not actually being used in 19/20, training (£200), Chairman's allowance (£50) and website support (£200) have been kept the same as 19/20 budget to allow for any eventualities. We are on a three-year deal for insurance so it should be £615 in 20/21, but £650 has been allowed in case of changes to our requirements and valuations. No allowance has been made for parish hall fees or CWAC recharge.

Maintenance £7126

2019-2020

It is unlikely that we will spend the £4000 allocated in the 19/20 budget for the final phase of work on the trees along the Avenue. We will spend more on the Lower Pumphouse than planned when taking into account the tree work to the nearby oak.

2020-2021

The 19/20 allocation for work on the Avenue (£4000) has been retained for 20/21 plus £750 for a tree survey. It has been assumed that two visits will be needed to prune the limes at Noah's Ark so £350 has been included. General maintenance has been slightly increased to £1750 to cover strims, tree work and eventualities such as the tree fall. No allowance has been made for any further works to the Lower Pumphouse.

Grants Fund £1000

2019-2020

£1000 was allocated but it is likely only £600 will be spent (being £250 to the PCC and £350 to the Budworth Bulletin)

2020-2021

The figure of £1000 has been kept in the proposal for 20/21.

APPENDIX F7b

Parish Projects

2019-2020

The £500 allocated for a traffic mirror in the 19/20 budget was not spent and will not be spent due to design and location issues. Only £164 of the £6000 allocated for highways, parking and signage has been spent so far but there may be further expenditure on planters before the end of the financial year. A figure of £3000 has been allowed for this, giving a total projected spend on Parish Projects of £3,164.

2020-2021

£3500 has been allowed for highways, parking and signage as this is such a problematic issue for the village. £6000 has been allowed for a turning circle and surface improvements at the top of Farthing Lane to give better access and additional parking. A quote was obtained in 2018 for this which amounted to £4320 +VAT.

Reserves

2019-2020

£5000 was ringfenced in the 19/20 budget from War of the Worlds filming for the Parish Field. There was an additional £1211 held as general reserve. At the end of the 19/20 financial year this general reserve may be up to £12,240 due to a) the additional sums from VAT reclaim (£1600), CIL (£240) and grant (£1000) b) expenditure falling below that allocated, notably with regard to administration (£7927-£7197 =£730), the Avenue (£4000), grants (£1000-£600 =£400), traffic mirror (£500), highways etc (£6000-£3164 =£2836).

2020-2021

As we will be starting the year with less cash in the bank (approx. £17,240 rather than £23,586) but proposing to spend more than 19/20 (approx. £25,018 as opposed to £19,043), reserves will fall dramatically to only £2079 AND THE £5000 PREVIOUSLY RINGFENCED FOR THE PARISH FIELD DISAPPEARS.

If the Parish Council wishes to retain this ringfenced £5000, then either a) £5000 must be shaved off the proposed 20/21 budget eg the Avenue, highways etc, Farthing Lane or b) an increase in the precept will need to be sought or c) a bit of both.