

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2020

Present: Sandra McDonagh (Chair), John Johnson, Chris Lee, Dorothy Parry, Jane Cain, Councillor Jude Considine, Councillor Ossie Johnson, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

67/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

68/20 Public Participation

None.

69/20 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2020 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

70/20 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated.

There had been 1 Planning Application in Greencroft Parish but there were no issues raised.

71/20 Budget

Budget position circulated prior to meeting and Clerk provided a verbal summary which was that there was a projected surplus for 2020/21 of approximately £450 after taking account of committed expenditure not yet made.

Balance of account at last statement (23/10/20) was £8,777.31 with unrepresented cheques totalling £691.20.

Regarding 2021/22, Clerk detailed that the Tax Base had increased due to new properties in the Parish and that the Precept would increase by approximately £1,000.

Discussion around increasing the Council Tax contribution and it was **AGREED** that an increase of 0.5% would be requested.

Discussion that the main area of expense was in respect of the park and grass and that there was a need for more work in these areas. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will draft a budget for 2021/22 taking these factors into account and discuss with Chair and circulate to Councillors for comments before being discussed and finalised at next meeting in January 2021.

72/20 Virtual Meetings

Discussion around using an alternative format such as Skype for virtual meetings but it was **AGREED** to continue using Zoom.

73/20 Clerk Update

Clerk updated the meeting that hours worked for November were anticipated to be 12 in total.

74/20 Accounts for Payment

None

75/20 Seat and Fence Inspections

Chris Lee reported that there were no cases of repairs being required but there would be a need for seats to be repainted next year.

It was also reported that the grass was quite long and it was **AGREED** that Clerk would approach A Purves who has cut the grass this year to request another cut if possible.

Discussion around the general need for work on the trees in the park and it was **AGREED** that Clerk would contact some suppliers for estimates to try and get this work carried out this year with the remaining budget for 2020/21.

76/20 Questions from Members

None received.

77/20 Chair Announcements

None.

78/20 Next Meeting

Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 6.00pm remotely via Zoom – meeting earlier in the month than usual to enable 2021/22 Budget to be agreed and submitted for deadline of 22 January 2021