

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a Special meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, Bere Alston on Tuesday 5th February 2019

Present

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. G.R. Reed
Cllr. S. Hanson	Cllr. E. K. Wager
Cllr. B. Lamb	
Cllr. R. Leithall	

3088. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Page-Bailey due to personal business, Cllr. Maycock due to business and Cllr. Chapman and Cllr. Pengelly.

3089. To set the Precept for 2019-20.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to explain the spread sheet and figure work sent to Councillors by email.

The Clerk explained that she had spoken with the auditor about Councils General Reserve which is £10,238, the auditor advised that it should be increased to £15,000. Discussions were held regards how much they should be holding, the Clerk read out from Councils General Reserves Policy that we should have 6 months cover.

The Clerk also explained that with the new accounts package VAT will not be returned to the Committees, so Recreation and Cemetery (Open Spaces) will need their precept increased by £1,200.

Further discussions took place, Cllr. Hanson proposed that Council include the £1,200 for Open Spaces but exclude the additional funding suggested by the auditor to give a minimum of six months running costs, seconded by Cllr. Rogers. A vote was called for; 6 for the motion, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Motion carried.

Most Councillors felt that Council was carrying enough funds that if an emergency did occur they had enough via other funding to earmarked and General Reserves to cover any eventuality.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that this Council precept for £65,689 minus Council Tax Support Grant of £3,672 leaving a precept of £62,017, equivalent to a 4.2% increase over the 2018/9 precept. Vote called for: 8 for, 1 against, so motion carried.

The Clerk read an email from Rialtas. Information and a Quotation for Year End Accounts Preparation. The price for Year End close down is £540 plus 45p per mile travelling expenses plus £100 Vat for overnight accommodation where required, however this will be shared between two councils wherever possible. We try to group Councils together by area so that the mileage charge and accommodation can be shared.

Every Committee to look at the new account sheet and decide on headings for their committees to be put on next year's working accounts, this to be an agenda item.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed this 26th day of February 2019

Chairman.....