

**DINNINGTON ST. JOHN'S TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Precept Meeting  
Held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Lyric Theatre, Laughton Road, Dinnington**

**Present: Cllrs D Smith (Chair), L Clarke, G Cruickshanks, P Davies, W Loftus, A Milner, P Russell, S Scott, P Smith**

**In attendance: A Evans (Clerk), L Warne (Asst Clerk)**

**2 members of the public attended**

- 1/20 Apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllrs Hart, Adams, Simmonds and Mugglestone – Accepted.  
Cllr Lewis absent, with no apologies received.
- 2/20 To consider any matters which should be dealt with in open, or confidential session (items for which the Press and Public may be excluded further to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 - Admission to Meetings). - None
- 3/20 Declarations of Interest. – None declared
- 4/20 Draft Budget 2020/21

Cllr D Smith (Chair) asked Members what percentage rise would they find acceptable. Members agreed between 2% and 3% as an acceptable level.

To assist in considering the proposed Precept for 2020/21 members were presented with full details of the original budget estimates for 2019/2020 along with the latest projection of income and expenditure to the end of the current financial year.

Prior to examining the values given for 2019/2020 details were also provided of the general and specific balances on reserve accounts as they were anticipated to be held as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 along with the contributions to balances proposed to be made in the coming year.

Members were then given detailed information on the proposed budget based upon requirements established for the year 2020/2021

An indication was given within the report as to the amount of increase both per year and per week on a Band D property based upon the possible precept levels.

Members examined the proposed budget in detail before agreeing the overall value of the precept. Key decisions taken were:

**Projects/General – New Projects**

- **Remove £10,000 for installation of three radar speed signs and to review their requirement during the coming year**

- Remove £5000 for a wedding licence, but to purchase the equipment required to facilitate more weddings from the current year's budget in preparation for a wedding licence
- Remove £3000 for Lyric lighting and lighting desk as these can be purchased from the current year's budget
- Remove £500 for a Coronation Park sign as this can be purchased from the current year's budget

**The amendments resulted in an overall £18,500 reduction in the proposed 2020/21 budget.**

5/20 Precept Allocation 2020/21

Having considered all the information provided, members resolved that the precept income be set at **£248,909** resulting in a net precept increase of **2.6% Net, 4.4% Gross**

Following the overall agreement of the precept, members were asked to acknowledge that all the information detailed above had been provided to them for consideration and a final vote taken.

**Cllrs Scott and Loftus Proposed and Seconded that the budget and precept be accepted. Vote: Unanimous**

D SMITH  
Chair  
Dinnington St John's Town Council

Date: