



MINUTES OF RESOURCES MEETING

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Minutes of Resources Committee of Spratton Parish Council

on **Tuesday 28th November 2017**. In Spratton Primary School, at **7.30pm**, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Jay Tindale Chair of Resources, Cllr John Hunt, Cllr Janice Homes, Cllr Louise Smith and Cllr Paul Vellam. Emma Gibson Clerk and RFO.

181.16 Members of the public and press were invited to address the Council at its Open Forum: No comments received.

182.16 Resolution to approve apologise for absence- Apologies received from Cllr Crawford.

183.16 Member's Declaration of Interests/Dispensation Requests- None.

184.16 Precept and Budget planning 2018/2019

Budget - Cllrs discussed the 2017/18 budget, the remaining funds and any significant expenses yet to be paid from this, such as the replacement of the street lighting of the remaining Mercury lights. Cllr Tindale outlined the general expenses yet to be paid this financial year as detailed on the SPC receipts and payments spreadsheets. The Council discussed how there should always be a reserve in place for repairs to the Church wall, and a general reserve for unforeseen expenses. Cllrs reviewed the 2016/17 budget as outlined on the Council's receipts and payments document in relation to any areas of the budget that should be increased. The Council considered the possible employment of a PCSO to share with other villages and a suggested budget for this of £7000 per year and the possibility of Council cuts to services impacting on the Parish Council spend. For example, the subsidy of the village bus route maybe cut which could have an impact on the village and the Council may need to contribute towards this

Cllrs agreed the following changes to previous years budget:

- Budget for office expenses should increase to £1,000 due to costs such as office 365 renewal, and the annual data protection registration fee.
- Meetings now separately accounted for budget of £350 allocated.
- Lighting budget reduced to £8,400 as lighting costs have reduced with new lighting installed.
- Greenworks budget increased as costs increased and weed spraying now included.
- Election costs budget increased to £3000 as this is an election year.

Draft Budget spreadsheet attached for further details.

Precept - Cllrs discussed the Precept for 2018/19 and any addition expenses that may need to be covered such as a PCSO helping cover services that maybe cut by NCC such as buses, gritting for example. Cllrs **RESOLVED** that a 4% increase in the precept maybe prudent to prepare for new costs that the Council may have to cover. Further details outlined in attached draft budget spreadsheet.
RESOLVED - Cllrs agreed to recommend to full Council at the next meeting to adopt the proposed draft budget and an increase in the Precept of 4% to £40,560.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Jay Tindale , Chairman of Resources Committee