

MAIDEN NEWTON and FROME VAUCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING

Meeting 27th June 2024 at The Fire Station at 6.30pm

This was an informal meeting of Councillors to look at the budgets and finances, no decisions were made at the meeting, but recommendations will be made to the Full Council to consider.

1. To give an overview of the budget agreed in Nov 2023 for the benefit of new Councillors

The Clerk went through the budget from Nov 2023, looking at each budget line explaining the reasoning for each item. The budget can be updated by full council if required. The newer Cllrs have a better understanding of how the budget works, and how this is then used to raise a precept which is collected on our behalf from Council tax by Dorset Council and paid the PC in 2 payments April and September.

The bank balances and investments were also discussed, Cllrs will need to consider when the budgets are needed and if further funds can be invested.

The grass cutting contract is up for renewal next April so the spec will need to be updated.

The Play area needs resurfacing discussions will be held with the Friends of the play area on how the costs will be met.

The Village Hall Car Park and gates will need work this summer to move the gates back so they can be closed if the weather is wet.

Rock Pit Car Park info board is ongoing and costs for resurfacing need to be gathered.

The MUGA surface needs to be considered as well as the boarding in the future as this comes up on play inspections.

The Bus Shelter at Webbers Piece needs a clean.

Harvey's Green fence needs to be replaced.

2. To make any recommendations to amend the budget for approval by full council in July.

To gather costs for the Allotment water tank and works to the track.

To update the spec for the MUGA surface cleaning from April 2025 when considering the grass contract.

3. To consider the new Model Financial regulations 2024.

The new model was prepared with tracked changes for consideration, it is in line with the current financial regulations for the PC.

It was recommended that these new financial regulations are approved at the July meeting.

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- 4. To receive a copy of the Asset Register, financial risk register for information.**

Copies of these were sent to all Cllrs for their info at this stage

- 5. Any other finance, Councillor info or administrative issues-** Cllrs discussed the co-option process and advice will be taken from DAPTC on how this is managed. Also, now the website is up and running, some of the village information needs updating RW will look at the info for FV. Cllrs were encouraged to attend DAPTC training.

- 6. To arrange a site meeting of assets during August with new Councillors**

It was arranged to hold a site meeting of all new Cllrs and those who can attend on Friday 26th July at 2pm it is hoped that the Cllrs co-opted on 11th July will also be able to attend.

Mrs Michele Harding

Clerk to the Council