

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2019

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson (Chair) J. Sewell
M. Prince B. Maude
R. Spraggon P. Townsend
R. Webb
Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: M. Paul (Teesdale Mercury)
1 resident whose name was recorded.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Lyons (unwell).
No apologies were received from Cllr English and Cllr Donovan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. 2019/20 PRECEPT:

Members discussed the budget and precept report presented by the RFO/Clerk.

It was noted that there wasn't a project for this coming year.

Main headlines for 2019/20 from the report:

1. Reduction in litter picking budget due to a decrease in litter picker but some monies for additional picks
2. Recommendation to withdraw from CDALC with an annual saving of over £300
3. A 2% pay raise for Clerk (first increase since 2014)
4. Removal of room hire costs from subsequent budgets
5. Grass cutting costs remain as 2018. Reduction this year was only 12 carried out (budget is for 14)

Members were disappointed that no litter picker for Evenwood village had be found but noted that some contingency was placed in the budget.

The recommendation to withdraw from the County Durham Association of Local Councils was considered. Members felt that no tangible benefit to being in the Association could be seen. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Sewell that Evenwood & Barony Council withdraw from CDALC. **Action:** Clerk will inform CDALC

The grass cutting budget remains as 2018/19 but tenders for the 2019 season will be considered.

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Members were content to continue the programme of bench replacements using the allocated money from reserves. 2 benches referred too were the one on Bowes Hill and one at the Morley junction.

Replacing flower tubs from reserve funds allocated was agreed.

It was also agreed to investigate alternative types of Christmas lighting and costs.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Spraggon to accept the budget/precept report and the parish council requests a precept for 2019/20 of £56,834. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Sewell.

- The request was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4. CLOSE:

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CDALC – County Durham Association of Local Councils

