



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 January 2019 at 6.00pm in Elton Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillors Maureen Wilson (Chair), Colin Crispin, Margaret Lockhart, Ron Reading, Steve Serna, Ian Miller, Ruth Ackroyd (arrived towards the end of the meeting)

19.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Martin Dickinson, Pauline O'Reilly and Nigel Goodliffe

19.15 PRECEPT FOR 2019/20

Discussion on whether the Precept for 2019/20 needed to be increased. Cllr Wilson pointed out that the Parish Council had not increased the Precept last year for 2018/19. Cllr Wilson also pointed out that consideration needed to be given to the increase in the minimum wage, which comes into force in April 2019, this would mean an increase in the salaries for the Street Orderlies. There is also the possibility of an election in May 2019 which would cost approximately £4,000. Another consideration was extending the Christmas lights for 2019. Cllr Wilson said the children's play area had fallen into disrepair over the last couple of years and it needed equipment repairing/replacing. One swing has already been removed and taken away for substantial repairs as it was deemed dangerous. Signs at the 2 entrances to the play area also needed replacing due to disrepair making them dangerous, they were also out of date as the information for reporting any issues/faults at the play area had changed.

Discussion about how much the Precept would need to be raised. It was agreed that the Precept would need to be raised by £3,000 which would be a 9% increase. This would equate to an extra £2.50 per household.

Cllr Wilson therefore proposed an increase in the Precept of 9% which was seconded by Cllr Crispin. A vote was taken with 6 votes in favour.

Cllr Ruth Ackroyd arrived at the meeting at this point and it was explained to Cllr Ackroyd the decision made by the Councillors to increase the Precept and the reasons for this. Cllr Ruth Ackroyd made no objections.

19.13 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Elton Community Centre.
The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.