

The 1145th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr Naylor chaired the meeting.
Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Russell

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Potts, Cllr Robins, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson
Lateness – Cllr Carter

2. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Participation

None present

4. To consider the Parish Council's Budget for 2018/19 prior to the Budget and Precept setting

The Clerk had sent out details of the projected & actual budget for 2017/18, the proposed budget for 2018/19 and explanatory notes with the Agenda to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Meeting accepted the projected & actual budget figures as a true reflection of expenditure for 2017/18.

The Chairman asked that each budget item be discussed and any amendments agreed in turn.

Cllr Carter arrived at 7.40pm

The following amendments were agreed:

- The Chairman's Allowance - that the amount provided to the Chairman to cover expenses be reduced from £1500 to £1000. It was also agreed that this should be reviewed next year.

17008 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Chairman's Allowance be reduced for 2018/19 to £1000.

- The remaining balance of £386 allocated for Dementia Friendly activities be carried forward to 2018/19.
- The Christmas Lights and Switch On event budget be increased to £3000 due to Calderdale Council indicating that installation charges will be significantly increased for 2018/19.

17009 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Russell that the budget for Christmas Lights be increased to £3000 for 2018/19.

- The remaining balance of the 2017/18 budget for the Communications Committee is carried forward to 2018/19.
- The Miscellaneous budget should be increased by £200 to cover for a six month fee for monitoring of CCTV by Calderdale Council.

4.To consider the Parish Council's Budget for 2018/19 prior to the Budget and Precept setting (continued)

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council will have to pay a registration fee when the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) comes into force in May 2018. As yet the amount is unknown but could be as much as £500. The Meeting agreed that a figure of £500 should be included in the budget to cover for this fee.

17010 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Other Expenses budget be increased by £700 to cover for the CCTV monitoring fee and GDPR registration.

With the above amendments the proposed budget increased from £56,275 to £57,475. Approval of this budget will be an Agenda item at the next meeting to be held on 25th January 2018.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Johnson had volunteered to represent the Parish Council at the North Bank Forum – Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime event on 21st February if this was agreeable to the Parish Council. The Meeting agreed that Cllr Johnson should attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm