

The 1119th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr J Smith chaired the meeting.

Cllr Hunt, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Moran, Cllr Potts, Cllr Robins, Cllr Russell, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr McCarley

2. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Participation

None present

4. To consider the Parish Council's Budget for 2017/18 prior to the Budget and Precept setting

The Clerk reminded the Meeting of the Finance Committees recommendation that a pre-budget meeting should take place prior to the budget setting meeting to enable greater discussion and clarification of the individual items included in the proposed budget. The Clerk had sent out details of the projected & actual budget for 2016/17, the proposed budget for 2017/18 and explanatory notes with the Agenda to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

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

The following amendments were agreed:

- Additional budgets should appear for future budget review for the Events and Neighbourhood Planning Committee with a nil balance attributed to both.
- For clarification the two insurance items detailed should include the descriptions Building and General respectively.
- Ebenezer Graveyard should be shown as a separate item under the Environment Committee.

It was agreed that various budget items should be reviewed by the relevant Committees in the year 2017/18.

Environment Committee – Cllr Naylor had provided an alternative budget to that proposed and discussion took place as to any amendment. It was agreed that the purchase of dog waste bags should be increased from £400 to £500 since some of the dispensers may need replacing. In addition renovation to benches should be increased from £500 to £1000.

With the above amendments the proposed budget increased from £53,060 to £53,660. Approval of this budget will be an Agenda item at the next meeting to be held on 26th January 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm