

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Extended Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7pm at Devoran Village Hall Lower Hall

Councillors present: WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Lightfoot	B Thomas	B Robson
	C Kemp	M Steel	C Blake
	P Allen	A Allen	L Fitt

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Chairman: Councillor Lightfoot

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman introduced everyone present at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There had been apologies received from Cllr Hambly-Staite, Gason, J Allen.

3. MINUTES OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD 4TH NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2021 AS CIRCULATED BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE & ACCURATE RECORD, SECONDED BY CLLR ROBSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6. COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2022/23

7. PRECEPT LEVEL FOR 2022/23

The Clerk explained that at the Parish Council meeting on the 10th November 2021 a resolution had been passed following the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee that an extended Finance & General Purposes Committee should be arranged before the December Parish Council meeting to go through the budget as it was felt that the budget needed looking at in further detail by Councillors prior to discussion again at the December Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk circulated a draft budget and explained that the black columns (2020/21) showed our actual spend to date versus our budget, the red column was the budget taken to the November Parish Council meeting as a recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee, the blue column had non-essential items removed and took into account rental income, the final column in black only used Cornwall Council guaranteed income (not rent). The Clerk advised that Council needed to be mindful of our reserve level and reserves that had already been committed.

The Chairman gave a presentation where he ran through all the projects the Parish Council was currently working on and had committed spending to including landscaping of Pengelly Meadows, the

ongoing refurbishment of Retallack Playing Field, additional bins and the ongoing HAIRE wellbeing project.

He explained that best practice was to keep 3 months expenses in reserves so we needed to be mindful of this when agreeing the precept as we could not use our reserves to pay for our day to day costs. We needed to be very careful not to rely on rental income as guaranteed, the only guaranteed income was from the Cornwall Council precept.

The impact on the increases being considered equated to:

Option 1 - 24.8% to balance the budget = £14.55 per band D property per year

Option 2 - 5.6% increase would be a rise of £3.28 per year for a band D property (27p a month, a tube of tomato puree)

Option 3 – 15%, £8.79 per year for a band D property (73p a month, a chocolate bar).

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THE RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL FOR THE PRECEPT FOR 2022/23 WOULD BE A 15% RISE EQUALLING A PRECEPT REQUEST TO CORNWALL COUNCIL OF £137,193, AND FOR COUNCIL TO AGREE THE 'BLACK' BUDGET AS CIRCULATED SECONDED BY CLLR LIGHTFOOT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.