

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES of the FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING of the LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL held on 10TH NOVEMBER 2020, at 7:30pm. This meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions. The meeting was not recorded.

Present Cllrs: Mrs J Cambra (Chair), Mr P Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Mr S Ames, Mr M Everitt and Mr R Tomkins.

Also, present: Mrs L Mann (RFO).

Documents provided included: balance sheet as at 30th October 2020, forecast balance sheet as at 31st March 2021, budget as at 30th October 2020, template for proposed budget 2021/22.

1. Main points for 2020/21:
 - 1.1. Largest expenditure has been improvements to the playground.
 - 1.2. Unexpected costs include the required tree work costs as per the tree survey commissioned and the legal costs associated with land adoption and the gifting of the orchard.
 - 1.3. Due to the impact of Covid there hasn't been the cost allocated to SEIB 2020 to date
 - 1.4. All other costs are generally in line with expected
 - 1.5. Due to the slow speed of the dated PC laptop, this will be replaced this year.
 - 1.6. Clerk to organise Zoom subscription for the future of remote meetings.

2. Main considerations for 2021/22 Budget:
 - 2.1. Slight increase expected for inflation for fixed costs.
 - 2.2. Main projects: tree works phase 2, village day potentially, continued allocation for start-up community grant applications, general playground maintenance.
 - 2.3. Playground equipment large scale improvements would not be budgeted for. Instead other avenues for funding will be explored.

3. **PROPOSAL: to keep the precept level at the same rate for 2021/22. Clerk to adjust depending on level of dwellings yoy.** (To be ratified at the Full Council meeting on Monday 16th November)

There being no other business the chair closed the meeting at 8:25pm