

Minutes of the 2024/25 Precept Meeting of Husbands Bosworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 (7.00pm) at Husbands Bosworth Sports Pavilion

Present: Cllr. Hobson (Chair)
Cllr. Forman
Cllr. East

Cllr. Bolter (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Gallagher

Mr. D Watson (Clerk to Parish Council)

Visitors: 1

1. Apologies for absence

An apology was received and accepted from Councillor Peel.

2. Declaration of Councillors' Interests

Cllr. Forman declared an interest in item 22, in relation to the Bosworth Bugle.
Councillor Forman did not participate in any discussion relating to this item.

3. Visitors Questions

The visitor advised he was attended the meeting as a Trustee and representative of Husbands Bosworth Causeway Charity. Whilst not having a specific question, he wished to use the opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support of the charity and outline the work the charity undertakes in the Community, especially for new Councillors.

The Council appreciated the recognition of support and for providing an insight into the work of the Causeway Charity. The visitor left the meeting at this point.

4. General Insurance

The insurance premium increased to £2,474.00 in 2023/24. This cost was impacted by the increase in insurance cover for the new extended Pavilion. It was agreed to increase the Precept figure to £2,650 to cover any insurance premium increase in October 2024.

*Precepted amount to increase by £250.00 to **£2650.00***

5. Cemetery

Except for grass cutting, the costs associated with the Cemetery are not expected to increase significantly. There are certain maintenance projects that need to be considered in 2024/25.

*Precepted amount to increase by £120.00 to **£5,700.00***

6. Parish Office

To reflect potential cost increases on rent and utilities it was agreed to increase the Precept.

*Precepted amount to increase by £175.00 to **£7,870.00***

7. Playing Field

The costs associated with the Playing Field and Dog Walk overall, are expected to remain broadly in line with current costs.

*Precepted amount to increase by £20.00 to **£3,600.00***

8. Play Equipment Area

There will be an increase in grass cutting costs plus a small increase in the ROSPA inspection fees in 2024/25. There were limited maintenance costs in the 2023/24 period. The maintenance of equipment budget has been reduced by 33% to £1000.00.

*Precepted amount reduced by 7.2% from £3,565 to **£3,307.00***

9. **Allotments**

Costs will remain broadly in line with current costs. A figure of £300.00 has been allocated to future Projects, to undertake remedial work to entrance.

*Precepted amount to increase by £110.00 to **£1,545.00***

10. **Seating**

There will be no requirement for any new benches in the financial year 2024/25.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£0.00***

11. **Village Greens & Verges**

Grass cutting of Greens and Verges will increase under new contractor.

*Precepted amount to increase by £580.00 to **£3,110.00***

12. **Village Hall**

It was agreed to set aside £100.00 for any potential hire of Turville Hall.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £250.00 to **£100.00***

13. **Millennium Wood**

The annual donation to Millennium Wood will remain at £450.00 for the 2024/25 financial year.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£450.00***

14. **Tree Works**

It was agreed to defer any Ash Die Back work until the £2025/26 financial year. £1000.00 to be budgeted for annual maintenance

*Precepted amount to decrease by £4,000.00 to **£1,000.00***

15. **Pavilion**

The running costs are expected to remain broadly the same as current levels. There will be no budget provision for furniture in 2024/25 financial year.

*Precepted amount to decrease by 2650.00 to **£5,000.00***

16. **Planters**

It was agreed to keep the 2024/25 Precept level the same as the current year.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£500.00***

17. **Bus Shelter**

Minor maintenance work should be able to be undertaken by the Caretaker. The 2024/25 Precept will remain at the current level.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£200.00***

18. **Staff**

The increase in staff costs is impacted by the NALC pay agreements for the Clerk and Caretaker. These salary increases also result in an increase in the contributions to HMRC.

*Precepted amount to increase by £2,601.00 to **£22,333.00***

19. **Notice Boards**

No increase in costs for the provision or maintenance of notice boards is anticipated.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£200.00***

20. **Litter / Dog Bins**

There is a small increase in the overall costs anticipated.

*Precepted amount to increase by £200.00 to **£1,600.00***

21. **Salt Grit Bins**

It was agreed to keep the 2024/25 Precept at the same level as the current year, as it is expected one of the grit bins may need to be replaced.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£400.00***

22. Association / Donations

The increase in this Precept amount is primarily driven by the expected increase in the LRALC annual fees, driven by a necessary membership fees re-set.

Cllr. Bolter proposed to increase the Bosworth Bugle contribution to £550.00 from £500.00. This was seconded by Cllr. East and agreed by Council.

Cllr. Gallagher proposed to increase the Causeway Charity contribution to £400.00 from £350.00. This was seconded by Cllr. Bolter and agreed by Council.

*Precepted amount to increase by £286 to **£2,158.00***

23. Community Fund

The Parish Council agreed to continue to maintain the Community Fund at existing levels.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£500.00***

24. Audit, Bank Charges and Contingency

The audit provision will remain at £870.00 for bank charges and audits. The contingency will increase to £1,692

*Precepted amount to increase by £1,216.00 to **£2,562.00***

25. War Memorial

The War Memorial needs cleaning in 2024/25, following the pointing work undertaken in 2023/24 . It was agreed to increase the Precept to £700.00 to cover this work.

*Precepted amount to increase by £500.00 to **£700.00***

26. Additional Expenditure

Overall, the budget allocated has significantly increased. This is primarily driven by budgeting £6,000 to fund two new Speed Indicator Devices to replace the existing device.

*Precepted amount to increase by £6,100.00 to **£9,015.00***

27. Future Service Provision

It was agreed to reduce the existing service provision to £0.00

*Precepted amount to reduce by **£1,500.00** to £0.00*

The Parish Council agreed that the 2024/25 Precept should increase by £3,500.00 to £74,500.00 (+4.9%)

There being no further Precept business, the meeting closed at 20.45

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