

## Minutes of the 2021/22 virtual Precept Meeting of Husbands Bosworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

Cllr. Fletcher (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr. Mrs Fletcher  
Cllr. Bolter

Mr. D Watson (Clerk to Parish Council)

Visitors: 0

### 1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received

### 2. Declaration of Councillors' Interests

Cllr. Forman declared an interest in item 23 in relation to the Bosworth Bugle

Cllr. Fletcher declared an interest in item 23 in relation to Causeway Charity & Bosworth Festival

Cllr. Mrs Fletcher declared an interest in item 13 in relation to Woodland Walk and item 23 in relation to Causeway Charity and Bosworth Festival

Councillors did not participate in votes on items in which an interest had been declared.

### 3. Visitors Questions

No visitors were in attendance.

### 4. General Insurance

With the end of existing 3-year agreement in October 2021, it is likely an increase will be seen.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£2,000.00***

### 5. Cemetery

Costs associated with the cemetery are not expected to increase greatly. The ironwork on the front wall needs repainting.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£5,000.00***

### 6. Parish Office

Identifying actual rates costs and a reduction on annual subscriptions, due to a switch on financial management package will see an overall cost reduction.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £780.00 to **£6720.00***

### 7. Playing Field

One extra grass cut was provisioned for. Litter picking costs were removed as this responsibility now sits with the Caretaker costs.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £660.00 to **£3,800.00***

### 8. Play Equipment Area

Grass cutting cost was reset. The costs associated with the Play Carpet were reduced as a result of the new Play Carpet installed in August 2020.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £320.00 to **£6680.00***

**9. Allotments**

A small cost increase on allotment costs is anticipated.

*Precepted amount to increase by £50.00 to **£600.00***

**10. Seating**

The Council will continue with its plan to install one new seat per year

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

**11. Village Greens & Verges**

The cost associated with mowing the village greens and verges has increased beyond the current Precept estimate. Overall, the costs will increase however, this is offset in part from a contribution from LCC towards village green and verge cutting.

*Precepted amount to increase by £350.00 to **£2050.00***

**12. Village Hall**

The overall contribution to the Village Hall will remain at £300.00, split between hall hire, for Parish Council meetings and a donation.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£300.00***

**13. Millennium Wood**

The donation to the Woodland Walk will remain at £350.00

*Precepted amount to remain at **£350.00***

**14. Tree Works**

The Precept will remain at the same level as it is anticipated tree work will be required.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£2,000.00***

**15. Pavilion**

It is challenging to estimate costs associated with the Pavilion as it is now being potentially utilised more by North Kilworth FC. However, due to Covid 19 it has been unused for certain periods in the current year. It was agreed to keep overall Precept at same level.

*Precepted amount to remain at **£4,000.00***

**16. Planters**

The planters in the village will be surveyed in April 2021. In the meantime, it was agreed to keep the precept at the current level.

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

**17. Bus Shelter**

Maintenance work should be able to be undertaken by the Caretaker. The precept will kept at current level.

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

**18. Staff**

The hours allocated to the Clerk's role have decreased since July . The Parish Council have appointed a Caretaker for the Pavilion / Village. The associated costs now sit within this Staff cost centre. This was formerly the Clerk cost centre.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £1000,00 to **£14,000.00***

**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**

Cost centres for Litter Bins and Dog Bins have been combined.

An increase in costs for emptying of bins is anticipated. There may also be a need to replace two existing bins in the village.

*Precepted amount to increase by £450.00 to **£1350.00***

**21. Salt Grit Bins**

It was agreed to increase the precept in anticipation of the need to replace existing grit Bins.

*Precepted amount to increase by £250.00 to **£400.00***

**22. Association / Donations**

It has been intimated that the cost of membership of LRALC will increase, possibly significantly and this has been provisioned for. No new memberships are anticipated.

*Precepted amount to increase by £100.00 to **£750.00***

**23. Community Fund**

The Council agreed to continue to build the community fund reserves.

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

**24. Audit, Bank Charges and Contingency**

The council agreed to make a small increase to cover potential increase in audit fees.

Contingency will increase to support a village project in 2021/22

*Precepted amount to increase by £3550.00 to **£5125.00***

**25. War Memorial**

There is no anticipated cost increase relating to the War Memorial.

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

**26. Additional Expenditure**

Expenditure relating to Bosworth Festival, Neighbourhood Plan and Election were removed from the Precept. It was agreed to increase the Health and Safety expenditure by £100.00.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £900.00 to **£3275.00***

**27. Future Service Provision**

Increase in grass cutting costs was removed as this is now captured elsewhere in the Precept.

It was agreed to combine Footpath Clearance and Tow Path Sponsorship into one area ...

Footpath Clearance. It was agreed to keep the bus service subsidy provision at the current level of £3,00.00.

*Precepted amount to decrease by £500.00 to **£4,500.00***

**The Parish Council agreed that the 2021/22 Precept should remain at £65,000.00**

There being no further Precept business, the meeting closed at 22.20

Electronic signature of minutes agreed by Council at virtual meeting held

on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020