

WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Budget and Business planning Meeting 14th December 2020 7pm via Zoom

In attendance: Cllrs Bennett, Coleman, Collins, Dewsbury, Tinkley, White, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Cawley through non accessibility.

1. To review priorities 20/21 financial year, against original forecast year end budget

A full review took place which considered the impact of the continuing reduction in public funding for “core” Parish Council responsibilities. It was agreed that the precept should be increased, in line with other Parish Councils who have similar demographics and the Community plan re-visited.

2. To set priorities for the financial year 21/22

Resolved:

- i) Drains £5,000**
- ii) Allotments £2,000**
- iii) Speeding Issues £1,000**

(To be allocated against pump priming a project group to be formed in order to carry out a full review, with recommendations for a speed strategy).

- iv) Children’s play area: £475.00 21/22**

(Continue to fund Parish contribution. Undertake a review with the School management committee and school to consider depreciation, renewal etc).

- v) Public Shelter/s Rec To be agreed as part of community funding allocation tba.**

3. To agree Precept in order to achieve priorities and to set budget for 21/22

Resolved: To raise the Precept to £15,000 for 21/22 from £9,975 in 20/21

Proposer Cllr Coleman, all in favour.

Agenda notes supporting discussion

- Role of Parish Council & Powers
- Consider impact of projects – lots of small tail chasing versus 1-3 major projects. (Already involved in rec - £15K ring fenced). (Grant/s could be counted as a project if decided to reinstate – one major grant or smaller ones).
- Planning gain from Smiths Hill
- Impact of reduction in services by SSDC and SCC to include: Drains, Roads maintenance, Hedge Maintenance
- £475.00 whether or not to maintain as an annual cost Community Plan - are the priorities still relevant – does the PC lead an update?
- Allotments
- Most “vocal” issues in village now – village wide survey (decisions not to be dominated by a few.)
- Neighbourhood plan
- 1 year plan versus 5 year plan

