



Helsby Parish Council

A remote meeting of the Finance Committee will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 4th January 2021 via Zoom

The press and public are welcome to attend. Please note: due to the current Government's advice on Covid-19, the Parish Council will meet virtually. If any members of the public wish to join the meeting in this format and make a statement or raise a question at the meeting, they should contact the clerk before the meeting at parishclerk@helsbyparish.org.uk or 01928 726433.

AGENDA

1. Public Air Time. To suspend the meeting for public participation. Maximum time allocated for this purpose is 10 minutes' subject to the committee's approval.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. To receive any declarations of interest.
4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th September 2020.
5. Matters arising from the previous meeting – to receive member's reports (for info only).
6. Review of grants/earmarked reserves (see supporting paper 1).
7. Review of Investment Programme as follows:
 - Co-Operative Bank – Business Select Account - £76,461.69 as at 18 December 2020.
 - Monmouthshire Building Society – Corporate Bonus 90 (Annual) £77,238.09 as at 18 December 2020.
 - Nat West Business Reserve £25,222.27 as at 18 December 2020.

8. To receive the budget calculations for the ensuing fiscal year 2020/21 from the following committees:

| | <u>2020/21</u> | <u>2021/22</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Health & Safety | £980 | £480^a |
| Human Resources | £700 | £1,000^b |
| Environment | £26,170 | £23,800^c |
| Parks, Cemetery & Allotments | £21,480 | £26,543^d |

Notes to the aforementioned:

^a Smaller budget due to a reduced need for general assistant training and equipment.

^b Increase due to CiLCA training for the new clerk.

^c Decrease due to no budgets allocated to village clock and war memorial and reduced grass cutting budget as follows: Proposal at PCA Committee was to put all grass cutting under a single budget code for simplicity (Code 214). Environment Committee codes 220 (Maltby Triangle) and 229 (Sherwood Court) have therefore been reduced. Total Environment budget calculation is therefore lower than the one agreed at the meeting on 9 December.

^d Additional costs as some general maintenance work now carried out by consultants rather than HPC staff and all grass cutting now to be dealt with under a single budget code under PCA budget.

The aforesaid breakdown of figures is included in the attached Budget Report.

9. To discuss the Finance Committee budget for the year 2020/21 and for the forthcoming fiscal year 2021/22 (see supporting paper 2).
10. To set the precept request for the approval of the Parish Council. The number of Band D equivalents after taking account of exemptions, discounts and new builds for 2021/22 is 2,046.7.

Example 1: Maintaining the same Band D precept charge as 2020/21

The Band D precept charge for Helsby Parish Council in 2020/21 was £49.32. If you want this charge to be the same in 2021/22, you will need to request a precept of **£100,943**.

Example 2: Requesting the same precept as in 2020/21

In 2020/21, Helsby Parish Council requested a precept of **£100,218**. If you were to request the same precept for 2021/22, this would reduce the Band D precept charge by £0.35 to £48.97.

11. Expenditure – 5-Year Plan. To receive an update from Cllr. O’Neill.
12. Urgent matters.
13. Date of the next meeting – 6th April 2021.

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Wednesday 23 December 2020

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