

Thornton le Dale Parish Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting

Held At 4.00 P.M. On Thursday 23th November 2023 at TLD Hill Institute, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale YO18 7RR

Present: Cllr Green (Chair); Cllr Garbutt; Cllr Hetherton.

In attendance:

Minute Taker June Goodson-Moore & Members of the public.

Formal council meeting commencement at [16.00 hrs](#) .

The Chair, Cllr Green, explained that a Minute Taker, June Goodson-Moore, had volunteered to take the minutes of this meeting and that there is no Proper Officer/trained clerk in attendance. Cllr Garbutt proposed that the Finance Committee accept that this Minute Taker takes the minutes of this meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hetherton.

Resolved: The Finance Committee voted 3 in favour.

Agenda items

1. Examination of Draft Budget.

The Finance Committee had been asked by Full Council to **Consider** the Draft Budget for 2024/2025 and forecast 2025/2026. The Chair, Cllr Green, stated the draft budget for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 showed a net loss of £20,425 based on a projected income of £60,575 and expenditure of £81,000. The forecast for the financial year 2025/2026 showed a projected loss of £14,437. The Committee then discussed the setting of the precept for the financial year 2024/2025. It was recommended the precept should be increased by 5% to £47,775, this recommendation will be taken to Full Council for consideration and approval at the 5 December 2023 meeting.

The Finance Committee also noted the Locum Clerk's proposal to reduce the precept from £45,500 to £40,000.

At [16.05 hrs](#) a member of the public interrupted the meeting and was advised by the Chair he would be asked to leave if he carried on interrupting. At this point he and another member of the public left.

There was a full discussion about present and future contracts, contingency planning for unknown costs that could be incurred, and the need to have earmarked reserves for this purpose.

Resolved: The Finance Committee voted 3 in favour to Refer to the next agenda item .

2. Proposed Budget.

Cllr Hetherton and Cllr Garbutt supported the proposed budget recognising that earmarked reserves would be required for as yet unknown costs that were discussed.

There were no further questions by Committee members. Cllr Garbutt proposed to accept the draft proposed budget for Full Council discussion at its meeting on 5 December 2023. Cllr Hetherton seconded the proposal.

Resolved: The Finance Committee **voted 3 in favour** to **Refer** the proposed budget for approval to the 5 December full Parish Council meeting.

3. Proposed Precept.

The Chair confirmed the precept proposal of a 5% uplift as discussed earlier.

Cllr Garbutt proposed to recommend a 5% uplift to the current precept. Cllr Hetherton seconded the proposal.

Resolved: The Finance Committee **voted 3 in favour** to **Recommend** the 5% uplift on the precept to the 5 December full Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 4.10 pm

Chairman of Finance Committee, Cllr Green Thornton le Dale Parish Council.