

Christow Parish Council - Proposed Budget for 2021 to 22

Present: Cllrs Archer and Slack and Mrs C Retallick (clerk)

The Finance committee meet to consider the budget for 2021-22, the recommendations for the Precept are set out below

| ITEM | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Notes |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | Budget | |
| | Agreed | Agreed | Agreed | Agreed | Estimated | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | |
| Employee costs | 5,655 | 5,655 | 5,655 | 8,454 | 8,559 | from April 2021 SCP 21 = £14.19 ph |
| Office Expenses | 651 | 651 | 651 | 651 | 651 | |
| Insurance | 800 | 830 | 816.42 | 840 | 920 | To be reviewed in March 2021 |
| Subscriptions | 373 | 385 | 350 | 350 | 357 | |
| Audit Fees | 500 | 400 | 150 | 150 | 150 | |
| Bowden Room Rent | 330 | 330 | 200 | 185 | 192 | Small increase |
| Recreation Field Maintenance | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,315 | |
| Allotments Maintenance | 700 | 500 | 700 | 500 | 485 | Reduced in line with actual cost |
| Toilets (now owned and run by PC) | 4,000 | 3,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 4,288 | |
| Cemetery Maintenance | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,700 | 1,472 | Slight reduction |
| Car Park Maintenance | 50 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | |
| Caversham Close grass cut | | | | | 100 | Resident who was cutting grass has moved |
| Play & Skatepark rental/equipment/expenses | 780 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Chairman's Allowance | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | |
| Grants | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Computer/Software/Website charges | 500 | 500 | 500 | 570 | 1280 | Accessibility law requires an upgrade |
| Clerk/councillor training/mileage/conference | 600 | 300 | 300 | 350 | 350 | |
| Cost of Election | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 750 | 1,000 | Increased to cover contested elections |
| Misc/Contingencies (see misc on accs) | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Defibrillator | | | | | | |
| Lengthsman/Road Warden | | | 750 | 2000 | 4446 | Increased to meet agreed contract |
| TOTAL | 22,719 | 21,381 | 22,402 | 25,830 | 29,595 | |

| INCOME | | | | Proposed Income | Proposed income | Notes |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cemetery | 750 | 1842 | 1950 | | | |
| Allotments | 375 | 337.5 | 312.5 | 425 | 425 | 16 plots @£25 & 2 plots @ 12.50 |
| Recreation Field | | 400 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Toilets | | 1046.44 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Bank Interest | 5 | 5.11 | 5.07 | 5 | 5 | |
| Grants/Donations | | 402.44 | 1568.39 | 1966 | ?? | highway enhancement grant |
| Precept | 14,735 | 16,217.35 | 17,984.00 | 18,523.52 | 19,449.70 | 5% increase |
| Council Support Grant | 1,010 | 910 | n/a | n/a | n/a | |
| VAT reclaimed | 900 | 1790.29 | 1480.44 | 1487 | 1300 | |
| TOTAL | 17,775 | 22,951.13 | 23,300.40 | 22,406.52 | 21,179.70 | |

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| DEFICIT FOR YEAR | -4,943 | -4,253.65 | | -4,915.48 |
| SURPLUS FOR YEAR | | | | |

Capital Outlay (ring fenced)

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|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Repairs to toilets | 2,750 | 2,750 | 2,750 | |
| Repairs to tarmac surface in car pk | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| Cemetery extension proposals | 1,575 | 1,575 | 1,575 | |
| | 11,325 | 11,325 | 11,325 | |

Recommendations for 2021-22

Clerks salary - to move to next SCP21 from April 2021 @ £13.78 (from NALC recommended rate + 3% to cover inflation per hour. Total of 9 hrs a week.

This equates to annual clerks salary = £6642.51. The budgeted amount will cover allowances for locum cover if required.

Website - new accessibility law require our website to be upgraded, the amount included will cover these costs.

Election cost have been increased again to cover contested elections.

An allowance has been made to cut grass at Caversham Close

Lengthsman - this is a valuable asset to the community and the budget has been increase in order to provide this service.

Ring fenced Monies - the Committee would like to increase the ring fenced amounts and seek recommendations from full council