

OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE & ACRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT 2020 BUDGET PREPARED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held on 11/11/19 at 6pm, Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre

Attendees: Cllrs Darren Gelder (Chair), Nick Antill-Holmes, Sue McKendrick, Clerk/RFO Lindsay Swinfield

2019a Apologies – Cllr Debbie Warren

2019b Declarations of Interest (pecuniary) – nil

1. The finance committee comprises Councillors Gelder (Chair), McKendrick, Antill-Holmes, D. Warren and the Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk to the Council. It met at 6.00 pm on 11/11/19, 1800 at Oakthorpe Centre and was unanimous in preparing this first draft budget for consideration by full Council.
2. For information particularly, but not exclusively, for newer members, it is the responsibility of the Council to set a Precept which also includes a grant – collected via NWLDC's Council Tax – each year. Our set Precept is directed to the District Council to put into its budget. The Council has the power to set whatever Precept it wishes. All figures in the budget are exclusive of VAT, as the Council can reclaim this where appropriate.

Amendments to Scribe accounting database: Nil

The proposed Precept of £59,000 is an increase of £3,000 to take into consideration the following:

1. Living wage increase
2. Increase in ground maintenance costs
3. Government changes in pension provision for all staff
4. General maintenance within the Parish increases with population (vandalism etc)
5. Continued improvements to the Leisure Centre to ensure sustainability of this Parish asset
6. Continue with £5k for Leisure Centre if required
7. Increase in Parish population
8. Consultancy re HR and H&S

Proposal: the finance committee unanimously recommends a Precept of £59,000 (£58000, grant of £1000), which includes a precept to the Leisure Centre of £5,000 – this sum remains the same as the last financial year, but was not passed to the Leisure Centre. To be resolved by full Council on 13/11/19.

Meeting end: 7 pm