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# Minutes of a Meeting of Harling Parish Council,

# Held at East Harling Youth Centre

## Tuesday 4th January 2022

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman)

Cllr J Jacobs (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Denniss

Cllr G Denham

Cllr B Copping Cllr A Hayward

Cllr K Rayner Cllr S Blades

Mrs K Filby (Clerk) Cllr G Jubb

## APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Cllr L Mould and Cllr H Mackenzie

## MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised

## DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN AN AGENDA ITEM

None declared

## ACCOUNTS

1. NPOWER – 466.07
2. TT Jones - £478.07
3. BT - £52.14
4. Staff costs - £2384.42
5. Zoom - £143.88
6. SP Services - £56.28 01/22
7. Royal Mail - £54.36
8. Harling Old School Hall - £84.00(hall hire)
9. Manor Farm Christmas Trees - £85.00

The Parish Councillors were presented with copies of receipts of payments and bank reconciliation showing year to date spending and balances for main current account. It was explained that these figures do not include the Town Improvement Fund and Petty Cash funds.

## COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021/22

In setting this Precept the Council had regard to the current economic climate.

The Parish Council will be requesting a £69,224 Precept amount from Breckland Council in the next financial year.

This will equate to a 2.74% increase on the 21/22 Precept requirement.

A band D property’s Council Tax payment for the Parish Council will increase to £77.13 per year (£75.07 21/22)

At the end of this financial year the Council should have a balance, including its set aside funds in earmarked reserves of £63,885.

Work on creating a car park at the cemetery should begin before the spring seeing the area greatly improved not only visually but safer too for visitors.

Along with funding from Breckland Council new equipment was purchased and granted to the Recreation Ground Trust, continuing the regeneration of this area. A new picnic table, bins, bench and safety matting around the gym equipment was installed late summer.

Earmarked Reserves (EMR) have been agreed at £78,631.

An application has been made to Norfolk County Councils Parish Partnership scheme for 50% funding toward safety gates for Garboldisham Road. Further funding has been set aside in the EMR for further gates if the project shows a marked decrease in driver’s speeds.

The Council Personnel committee will be meeting to review staff pay increases for 22/23.

The Market Place project will see an increase to £47,131 in EMR to move this project forward. A committee are to work on putting together precise costings for this, including public consultation before January 2023. Plans are also to be drawn up to improve the front of the Market Place where the planters sit and the BT box was removed.

The increase in next year’s precept has been kept to a minimum and the Council will continue to closely monitor spending during 2022/23 which will continue to be a difficult year financially for many with the continuing increase in household costs.

**Proposed budget 2022/23**

Balance brought forward1st April 2022 £ 63,885 (Est)

Precept requested £ 69,224

Budgeted income £12,954

Total: £146,063 02/22

Budgeted expenditure £ 67,432

Proposed earmarked reserves £ 78,631

Leaving uncommitted funds of £0

**Ear Marked Reserves have been agreed at:**

Market Place enhancement £47,131

LED lighting replacement £ 3,000

Contingency Fund £17,000

Traffic Calming gates £ 2,500

Recreation Ground gates £ 5,000

Christmas light replacements £ 1,000

Cleaning war memorial £ 3,000

Total EMR **£78,631**

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Full Council meeting Tuesday 25th January 2022

K Filby

Clerk

12th January 2022 03/22