

**Virtual meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 2020 at 8-00p.m.**

**Members present.** Mr R Fairhurst (Chairman), Mr P Kenrick, Dr A Merry, Mr RN Potter, Mr P Morgan, Mr R Puttick, Mr V Hill, Mrs K Broughton, Ms N Ely, Ms L Reason and Mrs J Burroughs.

**Apologies** Mr R Prew.

The Chairman opened the meeting and said that the draft budget prepared by the Finance Committee on November 18<sup>th</sup> had been circulated together with a draft calculation of the likely Band D council tax for Charlbury. He went on to say that the paper would be taken page by page and any questions dealt with at the time.

1. To consider the draft budget for 2021/22

Each page of the circulated paper was then considered:-

Page 1. Draft suggestions agreed.

Page 2. Draft suggestions agreed.

Page 3. Draft suggestions agreed.

Page 4. Draft grants 1 to 8 agreed (9&10fromTGT and St Mary's Church)  
Requests 9& 10 arrived after the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

There was some discussion on this matter but due to non compliance with the deadline it was unfair to any other potential applicant to add these in. The applications will be considered at the March 2021 meeting when it will be clear if the Council has monies available to make grants available. This was agreed on a proposal from Mr Potter seconded Ms Reason.

EWGroup. The Chairman explained that the group had been asked by the Finance Committee to produce costed proposals for the budget which would be considered at this meeting. This request had been met, with a summary of expenditure sheet circulated with the precept papers. (Full submission to be circulated prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> December meeting)

The paper at annex a and b explained how this request could be met in part in this financial year with £6 K allocated to Mill Field tree works (Budget savings in 2010/21). Coupled with the £5K in the draft budget this then required the sum of £3,250 to be added in to total expenditure.

Some discussion followed on this and the EWG agenda item for 16<sup>th</sup> December will allow for further discussion if needed.

A request from the Patients support group for the Charlbury Doctors surgery had asked that £2,300 be granted by Council to provide a shelter at the surgery entrance where, due to Covid restrictions, many patients have to queue outside currently without protection. This was considered and agreed and a grant can be given from this current years balances.

2. To recommend a precept to the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr Potter proposed that in view of the above a precept of £106,096 be set for 2021/22, this being seconded by Mr Morgan and agreed nem con. This will result in a Band D tax levy of £79-23 a 50 pence increase over 2020/21.

The meeting closed at 8-43p.m.

Signed

Chairman.