

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council's Finance Committee held on 28th January 2022 at 11.30am at the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes, DN11 8JP.

Present: Cllr Evans (Chair), Cllr Flynn and Cllr James

Others: Mrs Davies (Officer)

17172 To receive and approve any apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies and reason received from Cllr Barns.

Cllr James proposed to approve the apologies and reason; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn.

17173 To receive declaration of interests on any item on the agenda

No declarations received.

17174 To discuss the 2022-23 budget for approval at Full Council meeting

The Officer and Councillors reviewed both the draft budget expenses figures and wish list potential costs, along with the guaranteed income figures.

After discussion and consideration, Cllr Flynn proposed the following recommendations to go the full council; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council.

- 1) Recommendation – to achieve the 'must have and must do' budget figure for the expenses of £367,375.00, which would necessitate the benefit of withdrawing £8,510 from the reserves to cover the shortfall to balance the budget.
- 2) Recommendation – to put the wish list on hold until quarter 3, when the Council can review the budget position and consider anything that could go forward.

17175 To discuss the 2022-23 precept for approval at Full Council meeting

After discussion and consideration of the recommended budget figures above and looking at the precept increase requirement; impact on the taxpayer and the increase from the previous year; Cllr James proposed to recommend to full council an increase of 3%; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

If approved by the full council, the annual increase would be of £3.52 or 0.29p per month impact on the taxpayer.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.