

Draft Budget 2022-2023

Finance and Personnel

Please find attached the draft budget for 2022-2023.

These are initial budgets for consideration.

Administration

The photocopier contract is due to end in May 2022, suggest leaving the budget as is but be prepared to meet additional cost from general reserves if necessary.

Salaries

No changes proposed.

The National Salary award for 2021 has still not yet been agreed.

Maternity cover will continue into the next financial year.

An Apprenticeship ends in June 2022.

The current salaries budget allows for the above.

Precept

There are not any significant increases proposed for the budget this year – subject to Committee discussions and therefore currently it is looking like a minimal rise of inflation.

Current Ear Marked Reserves:

Election Reserve £5,009 – Elections are due to take place in May 2023
Cemetery Maintenance £3,000 – due to be spent, suggest putting further funds in from savings this year to cover earth removal of an regular basis.

General Reserve £9,487
Minimum Reserve £50,000

It has been agreed to allocate £2,500 from reserves towards completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It is recommended that further funds are placed into the election reserve and play area maintenance reserve. There are likely to be savings from the salaries budget again this year (around £30,000) but this is dependent on the national pay award and maternity cover. It is again suggested that the Finance and Personnel Committee consider the allocation of savings towards EMR's nearer the end of the financial year.

The Internal Auditor has indicated that there is a requirement for a fire proof cabinet to house legal records within the office – the cost of which is £2,300. Recommendation is that this is purchased using general reserves.

There is an aspiration to purchase tablets for Cllrs – purchasing via our IT provider would cost between £11,000 and £12,000 but we could look to purchase 15 x Samsung tablets (or similar) at a cost of around £2,000 which could be taken from general reserves.

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Environment and Community

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Riverside Park

It is estimated that £95,000 will be brought forward for Riverside Park. There will be rental income for the facilities once leased – this figure will be updated accordingly in due course.

The Beechfield Centre

No changes proposed.

Parish Enhancements

Budget of £2,000 same as last year.

Dog Bins

Increase in emptying of £2 per week to cover additional cost.

Allotments

Muddlebridge – increase in rent to landowner for year 3.

Any remaining funds at the end of the year to be placed in an Ear Marked Reserve as agreed.

Footpaths

No changes proposed.

Environmental/Climate Emergency

Budget of £2,000 same as last year.

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Budget within the grants budget of £3,850 to cover running costs (same as last year).

Current reserves for Committee responsibilities are:

Bus Shelters	£7,000
War Memorial	£3,500
Babbages Allotments	£380
Defibrillator	£2,200
Dog Bin Maintenance	£1,000
The Beechfield Centre	£5,000

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Parks and Open Spaces

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No changes proposed.

Grass Cutting

Parish Grass cutting is still within contract.

Play Areas and Equipment

Suggest that a request is made to the Finance and Personnel Committee for savings from 2021/22 to be allocated to the Play Area Maintenance EMR.

Current Ear Marked Reserves:

Griggs Field Maintenance	£6,350 (ditch clearance required)
Maple Grove Maintenance	£720
Beechfield Pitch Maintenance	£2,000
Play Area Maintenance	£30,000 (due to be spent by the end of the year)

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Tews Lane

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The contract for pitch maintenance ends 31st December 2022 – there will be 3 months under a new contract during the forthcoming financial year.

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Fremington Quay

Please find attached the draft budget for 2022-2023, there are not any changes proposed.

Current reserves for Fremington Quay are:

Fremington Quay Repairs	£2,503
Fremington Quay Hire of Compound	£1,776
Sinking Fund	£14,164.26