



ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Alston Moor Parish Council held on Monday 17th January 2022 in the Masonic Hall at 7pm to agree the precept for 2022-2023.

Present: Cllrs: N. English (Chair), B. Cooper, A. Green, E. Grew, M. Hanley, H. Ho, R. Miller, A. Robertson.

Apologies: Cllrs: I. Lindley, B. Davies.

Absent: Cllrs: C. Harrison R. Robinson, P. Best, S. Hattersley

Declarations of interest: Cllr English: Alston Bowling Club, Alston Recreation Grounds and Alston Producers Market, Cllr Ho: Alston Bowling Club, Cllr Robertson Alston Moor Historical Society.

1. Precept 2022 to 2023

Establishment

As the council no longer employ a Community Warden it was agreed that the establishment budget could be reduced.

Agreed at £16,000

Annual donations

It was decided to make no change to the annual donations.

Agreed at £3,570; £510 each for village halls, play areas and Tyne Willows pavilion.

Land/property management

Agreed at £8,000

Community grants/General purpose/S137

Agreed at £1,500

Alston Mill Race

This is an ongoing contract with K. Liverick to keep the Mill Race clear of debris to avoid problems with water backing up and potentially causing flooding to properties.

Agreed at £500

Christmas lights

It was reported that there are additional costs in employing contractors to assist with the work.

Agreed at £1,000

Alston Recreation Ground car park

This is funding towards the £520 annual lease for the car park. The remaining £200 is allocated as part of the annual donation.

Agreed at £320

Garrigill and Nenthead public toilets

Agreed at £1,000 - £550 for Garrigill Village Hall and £550 for Nenthead Public Toilets

Nenthead Community Works

Agreed at £1,000

Alston Moor Newsletter

The newsletter team confirmed that they no longer need a donation as they have been able to reduce costs and are now making a profit that can be used to contribute towards local causes. They thanked the council for their assistance over the years.

Alston Town Hall

A request was received for assistance with an upgrade to the heating system, security access, alarms, and security cameras.

Agreed at £5,000

Alston Moor Historical Society archives

The request is for assistance with rental costs.

Agreed at £2,000

Devolved services - Alston toilets

Cllr Hanley confirmed that Eden District Council decided that they would leave the decision over the devolution of public toilets to the new unitary and have postponed completing devolution by the end of March.

Agreed that no allocation would be required this year.

Devolved services – footway lights

The clerk reported that Eden District Council have confirmed that the parish have been allocated 40 lights with maintenance and electricity costs at £57.14 per light. There is also the question of the Victorian lights off Front Street which the County Council had offered to upgrade but have not yet actioned.

Agreed to allocate £2,000

Chairman's Allowance

The clerk reported that she was looking into which powers were the most appropriate for the Community Awards given to individuals, which may be the GPC.

Agreed at £100

Alston Fitness Club CCTV

Cllr English reported that he had discussed extending the CCTV system to overlook the car park with the Community Gym and they are willing to add extra cameras.

Agreed at £1,500.

Alston Gala

Cllr Miller confirmed that no funding is needed for next year.

PTA Alston Fireworks

A request was received for funding to enable the continuation of the fireworks display.

Agreed at £750

Alston Music Festival

A request was made for funding towards the cost of running the music festival.

Agreed at £500

Alston Moor Producers Market

A request was received for funding towards insurance costs for public liability, events, and equipment cover. Noted that they are in the process of setting up independently from AMBA as Alston Moor Market and will have their own bank account soon.

Agreed at £500

Nenthead Fountain

Funds allocated towards the restoration of Nenthead Fountain are to be held by the parish council until grant funding can be sourced by Nenthead Community Projects to complete the works.

Agreed at £5,000

Alston Bowling Club

A request was received for funding to be put towards replacement tables.

Agreed at £500

Tyne Willows Pavilion extension

The funding is to be put towards the provision of an extension to the pavilion for showers and changing rooms.

Agreed at £5,000

Alston Recreation Ground

A request was received for funding to be put towards building a pump track. The funds will be held until Alston Recreation Ground are able to source funding to complete the works.

Agreed at £3,000.

Resolved to set the precept for 2022-2023 at £58,840 less the CTRS of £1,253. Proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Cooper. (7+ 1 abs)

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Annual donations	£3,570
Property management	£8,000
General Purposes/Community Awards/S137	£1,500
Alston Mill Race	£500
Christmas lights	£1,000
Alston Recreation Grounds car park	£320
Public toilets	£1,100
Nenthead Community Works	£1,000
Alston Town Hall	£5,000
Alston Moor Historical Society	£2,000
Footway lights	£2,000
Chairman's allowance	£100
Alston Fitness Club - CCTV	£1,500
PTA – Alston Fireworks Show	£750
Alston Music Festival	£500
Alston Moor Producers Market	£500
Nenthead Fountain	£5,000
Alston Bowling Club	£500
Tyne Willows Pavilion Extension	£5,000
Alston Recreation Grounds pump track	£3,000
	£58, 840
Less CTRS	-£1,253
	£57,587

A band D property will pay £6.64 per month for the parish precept, as part of the total Council Tax.

2. Review of earmarked reserves

It was agreed that the funds earmarked for the Volunteer Co-ordinator would be kept, but with a deadline for expenditure by next year's precept.

3. Review of contracts for 2022-2023

It was confirmed that the subscription to Dropbox has been moved to annual payments. The clerk explained that she uses it to access files on both the office and laptop computers.

4. Meeting date for Finance Working Group & membership

The meeting will be held on Monday 21 Feb by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

Dated: