

ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Alston Moor Parish Council held on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7pm in Samuel Kings School.

Present: Cllrs: A. Martin (Chair), D. Athey, B. Aves, E. Grew, J. Glendinning, A. Green, P. Godwin, T. Haldon, R. Miller, A. Hewison, H. Ho.

Apologies: Cllrs G. Wright, M. Shepherd.

Absent: Cllr C. Harrison.

Declarations of interest: dispensations were received from Cllrs Grew, Haldon, Miller, Harrison, Aves and Godwin and accepted for the reason that they are in the interests of persons living in the council's area and that there are no pecuniary interests involved.

Precept 2019 - 2020

All the organisations, with the exception of Nenthead Community toilets had returned a report on how they had spent the donation received last year. It was observed that the local groups are doing a good job of running activities for the community, and that as they only had a short time to put the paperwork together any penalties for non-compliance would be waived this year.

Resolved to ask everyone next year to make sure they get their application in by the deadline, or risk not being considered for funding. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Aves. (10+ 1 abs)

Establishment

Agreed at £17,100 with an increase to cover additional hours for the Town Hall manager.

Annual donations

Agreed at £3,500.

Land/property management

Agreed at £2,000. Noted that funds needed to be budgeted for emergency works such as tree felling or unplanned repairs.

General purposes & S137

Agreed at £2,000. It was further agreed that funds remaining from the current and future years could become the start of a community grant pot. Agenda item for next month.

Mill Race maintenance

Agreed at £500.

Christmas lights

Agreed at £500. Noted that Nenthead and Garrigill were welcome to apply for funding if required.

Fairhill Car park

Agreed at £320. Noted that the actual lease agreement has remained at £520, and that the additional £200 is taken from the annual donation as per the original agreement).

Nenthead and Garrigill Community toilets

Agreed at £1,100.

Townscape Heritage Initiative

Agreed at £2,000. This is the final payment for the 5 year project.

Community Warden

Agreed at £3,000.

Nenthead Community Works

Agreed at £500. There is a need to find new volunteers if the scheme is to run next year, so the funds will only be claimed if it is possible to go ahead.

Alston Gala

Agreed at £500.

Alston Moor Newsletter

Agreed at £50.

Alston Town Hall

Agreed at £6,000.

Alston Moor Historical Society archives

Agreed at £2,000. Noted that the archives have been popular with both locals and visitors.

Young people

Agreed at £500.

PTA Alston fireshow

Agreed at £600.

Devolved services – Alston public toilets

Agreed at £2,000. Noted that a decision about taking on the public toilets is still to be made.

Devolved services – footway lights

Agreed at £2,000.

Parish elections

Agreed at £1,850. Noted that the actual costs were unknown, and depended upon whether the district council and the wards were contested.

Chair's allowance

Agreed at £100.

Alston Fitness Club

Agreed at £500. A request for £750 was made, but there was some uncertainty as to whether there had been some confusion over the annual donation for the maintenance of the building. Agreed that the working group would meet with the Fitness Club to discuss.

PRECEPT 2019-2020	
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Land/property management	£2,000
General purposes + SECTION 137	£2,000
Mill Race maintenance	£500
Christmas lights	£500
Fairhill Car Park	£320
Grants to Nenthead & Garrigill Public Toilets	£1,100
Townscape Heritage Initiative	£2,000
Community Warden	£3,000
Nenthead Community Works (Snowplough)	£500
Alston Gala	£500
Alston Moor Newsletter	£50
Alston Town Hall	£6,000
Alston Moor Historical Society archives	£2,000
Young people	£500
PTA Alston fireshow	£600
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	£48,620

Resolved to accept the precept budget of £48,620. Proposed by Cllr Aves and seconded by Cllr Grew 9+ 2 abs).

Information on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the council tax base figure for a Band D property was not available for the meeting.

This was confirmed in January at £1,059 for the CTRS and a council tax base figure of £726.33 making the cost for a Band D property £65.48

The meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Signed:

Dated: