Aspley Guise Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Aspley Guise Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th December 2019 in the Village Hall, Aspley Guise starting at 19.30.

Present: Cllrs S Bailey – Chairman, M Bird, T Raper, T Lee-Woolfe, B Plasom
In attendance: 3 Residents

Item No		Agenda Item	Action
1.		To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Davis, Hawley and Lewis No apologies received: Cllr Andrews	
2.		To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda: • Declaration of member's interest of a non-pecuniary nature: (having membership of a club, charity etc. or close relationship) None • Declaration of member's interest of a pecuniary nature: (Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner) None	
3.		To consider requests for dispensations: None	
4.		Public Open Session: Residents will have the chance to raise any planning related item to the Parish Council, but they will not be able to discuss the subject more than once. A maximum of 15mins is allowed for this, 3 minutes per subject. Resident 1: said it was good that AGPC had opened the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) meetings to the public, but in their view the precept for FY20/21 needs to be no higher than that of FY18/19. In their opinion the need for the Planning and Play Equipment reserves is unjustified. Cllr Raper: explained the idea behind the Play Equipment reserve is to build up funds with a view to replace some equipment in FY21/22, as opposed to hiking up the precept in one year to cover the complete cost. He explained the Traffic Calming reserve is in hand, waiting for CBC to produce plans (expected in Spring 2020), with the possibility of utilising these funds at the back end of 2020 (as advised by CBC), and that with regards to the Planning reserve, we would have a much better indication of the EWR, Expressway and Hayfields development in 2020, and were considering joining forces with other local parishes in deciding how to proceed with these.	

5.	*	To <u>discuss</u> the budget proposal for Financial year 2020/21 as recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC). Key components of the budget recommended by the FAC are: • Create a new ring-fenced reserve in FY19/20 of £10,000 for replacement play equipment with the view to utilise the funds in FY21/22, by transferring £5,000 from General Reserves and £5,000 from the Planning Reserve. • Retain the equivalent of 5 months general expenditure as a closing general reserve as at 31st March 2021. • Set a precept of £82,500 for FY20/21 to cover the following: o £8,800 of new spend: Housing Needs Survey, 3rd Defibrillator, PPM Street furniture, Browns Way project, VE Day 75 event & Professional Fees o £63,840 of existing general expenditure: Payroll, Grants, Operational Costs, Village Maintenance & Street Lighting. o £10,000 addition into the Play Equipment Replacement Reserve Cllr Bailey read out the key components of the budget as detailed above. Cllr Raper (Chairman of the FAC) asked the Council if they had any questions on the budget recommended by the FAC. Cllr Lee-Woolfe had none, Cllr Plasom asked if there was the possibility of utilising funds to fill pot holes around the village. Cllr Bailey advised not, as PC's are not allowed to undertake work on the highways.	
		Meeting closed 20.00	
		Next Meeting Monday 13th Jan 2019	