**Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Council**

**Meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Widdrington Station Community Centre on Wednesday the 27th October, 2021 at 4.00 pm.**

**Present - Councillors K Batson and A Carrier, R Smith vacating Parish Clerk and Mrs S Sainthouse new Parish Clerk**

 **Budget Against Spending for 2021-2022**

 **Proposed Budget for 2022-23**

 **Budget Head No Breakdown Budget 2021-22 Q/E 30 June Q/E 30 Sept Total**

 £ £ £ £ £

Staff Costs: - 01 Clerk including expenses 8,000 1,776 1,948 3,724 **9,000**

 02 PAYE & NICs (all staff) 2,300 299 505 804 **2,200**

 03 Clerks Home Allowance 120 30 30 60 **120**

 04 Seasonal Parish Grounds Mtce 3,600 1,358 2,200 3,558 **3,800**

 March – October

 05 Protective Clothing etc 100 - - - **100**

Administration:-

 06 Office Expenses & Equipment 600 214 123 337 **600**

 07 Internet facilities and Webstes **500**

 08 Advertising incl banners 500 - 497 497 **500**

 09 Insurance PC 1,720 1,695 91 1,786 **1,800**

 10 Insurance CC 1,200 1,153 1,153 **1,200**

 11a Audit Fees 500 300 130 430 **500**

 11b Donations 1,000 - 750 750 **1,000**

 12 Courses & Training 100 - - - **100**

 13 Subscriptions (Including NCC 600 467 467 **600**

 Small Lotteries Annual Fee)

Civic:- 14 Chair’s Allowance 500 - - - **500**

 15 Cllrs Expenses 0 - - -  **0**

 16 Election Fees 2,000 ring fenced - - - **2,000**

 17 Civic Expenses (incl tokens of respect) 150 - - - **150**

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Grants: - 19 S137 3,000 - - - **3,000**

 20 Other Powers 500 - - - **500**

Running Costs: -

 21 Community Park 2,000 248 44 292 **2,000**

 22 Highways, Paths & Shelters 3,000 - - - **3,000**

 23 Open Spaces (excl park): 500 - - - **500**

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 25 Parish Handy Person 4,000 904 995 1,899 **5,000**

 26 Community Centre 6,000 2,452 587 3,039 **6,000**

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 28 Community Events incl Petty Cash 7,000 574 1,350 1,924 **8,000**

 28a

 28b NCC Waste Collection for C/Centre 600 473 - 473 **600**

 Improvement Works:-

 29 Street Furniture incl Memorial Gdn 2,000 - 1,227 1,227 **2,000**

 30 Community Park 6,000 ring fenced - - **6,000**

 31 Community Centre 3,000 - - - **3,000**

 32 Equipment Hire 1,000 - 458 458 **1,000**

 Assets 33 3.15 Acres of Land

 Stobswood Allotments 1,000 - - - **1,000**

 Proposed Extension &

 Alterations to Community Cntr 0 - - - **0**

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 61,590 11,943 10,935 22,878 **66,270**

**The precept amount approved for 2021-2022 was £52,000 levied on the Northumberland County Council an increase of 3.5% on the previous year’s precept. A half yearly precept amount of £26,000.00 was received from the Northumberland County Council during April and a further half yearly precept of £26,000 was received in September. Any expenditure during the year in excess of the precept will be met by the Council’s Bank Account Reserves. Although COVID 19 Restrictions reduced the Parish Council’s Events activities during 2020-21 the major expenditure this year are the two new replacement Bus Shelters for Grange Road and the Mile Road and the updated installation of lighting at the Community Park £4,000. In view of the proposed budget for 2022-2023 it is recommended that the increase of £4,680 is met by an increase of the precept by 3% to £53,600. Any expenditure during the year in excess of the precept is to be met by the Parish Council’s Bank Account Reserves. It was recommended that the Parish Council approve the proposed budget for 2022-2023 financial year together with the precept of £53,600 to be levied on the Northumberland County Council.**

**Bank of Ireland Balance at 31.10.2021 £93,713.06**

**RAS 26.10.2021**