

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 4th January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Parish Cllrs A Melville (Chairman), S Cross, V Maylan, L Trebble, O Kennard, S Hedges, K Faulhaber & J Wright

Minute 113632 **To note any apologies**

None

Minute 113633 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

None

Minute 113634 **Themes for 2023/24:**

The Chairman informed the meeting a total of £31,333.14 was being carried forward via reserves. These reserve funds can be carried forward by General Reserve Funds and Earmarked Funds.

(a) Consider possible funding to Silverton Street Market

Cllr Cross confirmed the event had been very successful this year and it costs a lot of money to stage the event. She confirmed the approximate base costs (hiring toilets, road closure signs etc) is in the region of £1,250.00. Cllr Cross stated she felt the Street Market would be grateful for a contribution of 50% of this figure

After discussion Cllr Cross proposed the Parish Council financially supports the Street Market with a figure of £750.00. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(b) Review Report by Mr N Maylan re cobbled path in Newbarn Lane

It was noted the Initial costs would be the clearing of the path. Cllr Maylan pointed out it had been suggested a quote be obtained from Parsons Landscaping.

Cllr Faulhaber confirmed he did not support this expenditure as he felt it would be a waste of money unless the cobbled path was regularly maintained. Cllr Kennard agreed. Cllr Maylan stated that Mr Maylan had felt he could get a group of volunteers together and restore the cobbled path in order to preserve it and keep it clear.

After discussion the Chairman proposed that when a volunteer group has been set up and they came back to the Parish Council with a request for funding there would be sufficient funds to support this from reserves. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

(c) Consider maintenance requirements re Old Fire Station

It was noted that the Old Fire Station is a community asset and a piece of the history of the Village. The roof had been replaced, rubble cleared and no further maintenance is anticipated. Cllr Wright suggested information relating to the history and heritage of the building should be placed on the building.

After discussion Cllr Wright proposed information signage is placed on the old fire station. Cllr Hedges seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 7 in favour and 1 objection (Cllr Fauber)

(d) Consider possible funding to Silverton Parish Green Action Group and Silverton Homes for Local Action Group

After discussion Cllr Hedges proposed the figure of £1,000.00 be earmarked as possible funding for these groups. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour.

(e) Consider cost of metallic street signs (Cllr Wright)

Cllr Wright indicated he did not wish to make any specific proposals at this time. He said he felt 20mp might be too fast and there is not an active campaign at the moment. Cllr Kennard pointed out quite a few people had asked for speed restrictions via the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. Cllr Faulhaber saying the best way to slow traffic is by visual means and physical items and he said Bodmin was a good example of this. He felt erecting signs would not stop people driving fast.

Cllr Maylan pointed out DCC do not have funding to carry out any works and therefore signs are needed.

Cllr Cross suggested earmarking a figure to cover the cost of the signs.

Cllr Wright proposed the sum of £500 be earmarked for any street signs required. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour.

(f) Consider possible funding to Silverton Community Hall

The Chairman pointed out the Parish Council could possibly give a donation via reserves or alternatively via the precept which would mean a higher precept.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council financially support Community Hall. Cllr Hedges seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(g) Consider possible additional litter bin in Little Rec

Cllr Cross proposed no further bins were required in the Little Rec. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

(h) New external cabinet for the defibrillator in the Square.

The Clerk reported when she recently carried out a check of the defibrillator she found the external cabinet was in a very poor condition. She had concerns that when the machine was taken from the cabinet it is likely in the near future it will not be possible to put it back in situ. The Clerk confirmed she had costed a new cabinet in the region of £400.00

Cllr Cross proposed a figure of £400.00 be earmarked for a new cabinet. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(i) Bus Stop at Upexe

It was noted that the bus shelter was overgrown and the hedge was obscuring site. The Clerk confirmed, from memory, that she believed the bus shelter was the Parish Council's responsibility but cannot locate any paperwork at the present time.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council contact the land owner and ask if the vegetation could be cut back. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour. Cllr Wright confirmed he would make contact with the landowner

Minute 113635 To consider possible adoption of MDDC grass areas in the village + car park

After discussion Cllr Cross proposed the Parish Council do not adopt these areas at the current time. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal..

Cllr Hedges proposed the Parish Council write to MDDC saying it may be interested in adopting the land in the future subject to suitable financial arrangements. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour, 1 abstention and 2 against.

Minute 113636 To consider maintenance/repairs highlighted in ROSPA reports re Children 's Platy Area and Skate Park

The Chairman went through the notes prepared by the Clerk of the maintenance required for both the play area and the skate park

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council set a budget to cover cost of the repairs in the ROSPA reports and future issues that may arise with a budget, if funds permit, this year of £12,000.00. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 113637 Consider quotation from Rhino Play dated 7.12.2022 re Play Area Maintenance Visits for 2023

After discussion Cllr Maylan proposed the Parish Council does not have an annual inspection. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour.

With regard to the April quotation from Evolution Skate Park £595 + VAT in relation to annual inspections, it was agreed the Clerk would ask for an updated quote to be reviewed at a later meeting.

Minute 113638 **Annual Review of Statement of Internal Control**

The Chairman proposed the Statement of Internal Control prepared by the Clerk be approved and adopted. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113639 **Consideration of financial reserves**

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the sum of £400 be earmarked for the Jubilee tree. The Chairman seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113640 **Approve appointment of Internal Auditor**

Mr James Dishman had confirmed he was willing to continue as the Parish Council's Internal Audit at the same cost as last year (£400 + VAT).

The Chairman proposed Mr Dishman be re-appointed as the Parish Council Internal Auditor. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113641 **To consider budget papers and set precept for financial year 2021/2022**

The Chairman stated that taking into consideration all the anticipated expenditure and General Reserves a precept of £43,305.00 would be required. This would be a 22% increase making a B&D parish charge increase from £44.77 to £54.54 per annum

The Chairman confirmed the following:

General reserve would be £15,000,00

Earmarked Fund would include:

Tree maintenance £4,000

Community Hall refurbishment £2,000

Community Fund £2,000.00

Equipment/buildings maintenance - £8,333.14

After discussion the Chairman proposed a precept of £43,305.00 be set. Cllr Wright seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

The Chairman proposed the Earmarked reserves. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Meeting closed at 21:35 p.m.