

**AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING  
13 DECEMBER 2023 AT 7PM  
AIRMYN MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors M Nundy (Chair), StJ Meyers, F Stones and K Staward.

Ms A Hirst (Parish Clerk) was also in attendance.

In accordance with the council's co-option of councillors policy, Ms H Matthews (resident) was in attendance to observe the proceedings.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors R Lowe and C Goddard

**415/2223 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Nundy welcomed everyone to the meeting. **(Closed)**

**416/2223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received. **(Closed)**

**417/2223 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

The Chair welcomed Helen Matthews to the meeting who, in accordance with the council's co-option of councillors policy, was in attendance to observe the proceedings.

**Matters to Discuss**

**418/2223 2024 / 2025 PRECEPT**

As the council's Registered Financial Officer, the Clerk presented to the council the budget calculations for the financial year 2024-25 which were reviewed in depth. The council acknowledged some unbudgeted but essential overspend during 2023-2024 and instructed the Clerk to transfer funds to cover from reserves. The Clerk also presented three quotes from contractors to provide grass cutting services to the village for 2024. The council resolved to split the grass cutting contracts between two contractors and to thank all contractors for providing quotes.

It was agreed by the council to include the 'Bracken Hill' site to the tree survey due to take place in January 2024.

Councillor Staward informed the meeting that the Personnel Committee had considered the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) employment briefing on the national salary pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract or Green Book terms. The Clerk had also indicated her intention to become a member of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council pension scheme. Consequently, the Clerk's pay award and admittance to the pension scheme had significant impact on the council's budget for 2024-25, which would need to be considered. It was unanimously agreed to accept the pay award and provide the necessary funds to allow the Clerk to join the pension scheme, with the increase taking effect from the next financial year (April 2024).

In light of the overspend during 2023-2024 and the projected 2024-2025 calculations it was agreed by council to increase the precept demand for 2024-2025 by 4.76%.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Clerk transfer funds from reserves to cover the 2023-24 overspend; (b) that the Clerk offer grass cutting contracts to contractors as agreed by council, and (c) that the Clerk submit the council precept demand to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

419/2223 **COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2024**

The Chair acknowledged the requirement to hold a separate meeting to discuss and agree the precept/budget and put it to the council to add an extra meeting yearly in December going forward.

**Resolved** – That the council hold an annual budget meeting in December going forward (**Closed**)

**Urgent Matters to discuss**

420/2223 **MEMORIAL HALL ENTRANCE ROUNDABOUT**

Councillor Meyers requested to remove the large stones from inside the roundabout perimeter and replace with low level fencing. The council agreed, in principle, and requested 3x quotes be obtained.

**Resolved** – That Councillor Meyers obtain 3x quotes for works.

421/2223 **CLERK PENSION** (see also 418/2223)

The Clerk will join the ERYC pension scheme from April 2024. **Closed**

422/2223 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Following Ms Matthews attendance and observation of the proceedings of the meeting, and following the completion of all the necessary documentation, the council considered the application for co-option.

**Resolved:** (a) That Ms Matthews be co-opted on to Airmyn Parish Council; (b) that the Clerk continue to advertise the two vacancies on the council, and (c) that the Clerk inform (and provide necessary paperwork to) East Riding of Yorkshire Council Electoral Services relating to Ms Matthews co-option onto the council. (**Closed**)

**Date of Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

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Date