

## West Wycombe Parish Revised Suggested Budget for 2016/17 for discussion by Council

### Estimated Running Costs for 2016/2017

Clerks salary, pension	(Staff)		9588
Expenses, Ann Report, stationery/s/ware	(Adm)	1680 )	
Auditors	(Adm)	418 )	
Chairman's Allowance	(Adm)	100 )	
Postage	(Adm)	120 )	4565
Insurance	(Adm)	1500 )	
Hire of Rooms	(Adm)	250 )	
Use of office, energy, broadband	(Adm)	500 )	
Web site, telephone line	(Adm)		2850
Training	(Adm)		100
Subscriptions	(Adm)		650
Fete	(Adm)		500
Misc donations	(Adm)		500
S137 expenditure Old Peoples Party/Poppy Wreaths	(Adm)		200
Lighting (maintenance and energy)			5300
Replacement street lighting reserve			6000
Pedestal Playing Field maintenance and rent			4260
Pedestal Playing field equipment			2500
Burial Ground maintenance and refuse and tree works			4240
Allotment maintenance incl water, hedge cutting and scrub clearance			1500
Highways - verge grass cutting/weed killer/salt/dog bins/sign cleaning			5000
General reserve			8000
<b>Total</b>			<b>55,756</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Opening balance (lighting and general reserve totalling £11,000)			11000
VAT refund			2000
Precept			39000
Council Tax Support Grant			1274
Bucks CC – devolved services			2139
Downley Dynamos			300
Allotment rents			360
Interest			2
<b>Total</b>			<b>56,075</b>

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We have paid for most of the work that we have ordered – we still have to pay for the allotment hedge, the burial ground trees and the Pedestal planting – once these have been paid for, and most of which we had not budgeted for when the initial budget work was undertaken, we will now start the year with £11,000 (our reserve - £5000 for street lights and £6000 general reserve). We have had to pay out more on the repairs to the boundary/stiles at the Pedestal and we have now paid for our part of the parking scheme in Church Lane. It will probably not be possible to have the £19,000 reserve I was hoping for; it will probably be nearer £14,000.

The Bucks CC meeting the Clerk attended indicated that more services will be offered to Parishes, however there is very little more we could take on, there are a few areas where we may be asked to make a financial contribution e.g. the school crossing patrol.

The Parish Council talked about installing a concrete table tennis table on the Pedestal Playing Field and with our reserves and VAT refund this year and allowance from next year this would be possible – the total cost including a base, lifting gear and installation will probably be around £2500. It would be a piece of 'equipment' for all ages. We could order it in early February so it is installed for the Easter holidays at the end of March (depending on projected delivery lead time).

We have been advised that NALC will be increasing its subscription. We do seem to have been able to reduce our BT bill – time will tell on this one.

We want to order another dog bin for the Pedestal – there is sufficient money allowed for this.

Most of the budget headings/figures do have some leeway in them and there is a built in reserve of £14,000 in the budget. We will need to consider building a reserve for the maintenance/replacement of play equipment.

We will need to allow for new Christmas lights this year.

A precept of £40,000 will increase a Band D property from the current figure of £71.93 to £73.98 an increase of 2.85%.

Sharon Henson, Clerk/RFO

### **7.1.16**

**At the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January a Precept of £40,500 was set making a Band D property £74.91 per annum, an increase of £2.98 per annum – 0.24p per week.**