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A Meeting of the **General Purposes Committee** was held at **the Bramwell Institute, Taddington**, on **Tuesday 12th November 2019** at 4.00pm, followed by a **Meeting of the Parish Council**

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies: Councillor Patrick Brady, GPC Member Sam Limer. The meeting proceeded in the absence of the Clerk who was unwell.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting: Amended Minutes endorsed and signed by the Chair
3. Chairman to report any urgent item to be added to the agenda: Alison Clamp attended the meeting to report on Town End housing. Further details to follow regarding the letting of these properties
4. Declaration of Interests (Note 1): None
5. Communications not reported elsewhere on the agenda: None
6. Village Voice (Note 2): One resident attended
7. Planning applications and other PDNPA matters: In the absence of Councillor Patrick Brady the Chair reported that the application for two affordable houses beside the school had been withdrawn. It was noted that Councillor Patrick Brady may choose to present an Information Paper on the recently published "Landscapes Review" at a subsequent meeting
8. Defibrillator - Councillor Joy Saynor reported that the Defibrillator was fully operational
9. Website/Communications - GPC Member Dave Graham discussed a Parish Council Communications Strategy based on an Information Paper distributed for the September meeting. The GPC endorsed the Strategy
10. Natural Environment - Councillor Neil Walsh noted that the GPC should review the issue of parking on footpaths in the village. He indicated that he was planning to present an Information Paper on this topic at the January meeting

11. Property and New Projects – Councillor Graham Towers reported that plans were continuing to fund repairs to the War Memorial
12. Review of gardening – GPC Member Di Towers discussed an Information Paper on this topic which concluded that the current approach represented value for money. The GPC endorsed this conclusion
13. Way Forward and Village Planning – In the absence of Councillor Patrick Brady there was nothing to report
14. Financial Planning and Management – An Information Paper on this topic prepared by GPC Member Di Towers (with input from Councillor Rob Fraser and Parish Clerk Lesley Bramwell) was introduced by GPC Member Di Towers. On this basis the Chair proposed an increase in the Precept for 2020/21 of 52%. A discussion followed during which Councillor Neil Walsh proposed three modifications to this proposal:
 - i) Councillor Neil Walsh volunteered personally to ensure the maintenance of the children's playground and its gardens for the next 12 months, thus enabling a significant reduction in forecast contractor fees;
 - ii) The Council agreed to completely remove discretionary expenditure from its budget for 2020/21 – which includes suspending grant payments that it has made historically into support of village clubs and activities (TOPs Club, Gardening Club, Wells Dressing);
 - iii) an increase in the Precept for 2020/21 of 12.5%

This modified proposal was endorsed unanimously by the GPC. GPC Member Dave Graham agreed to prepare a notice to residents regarding this proposal

15. VE Day: Councillor Trevor Ride presented an Information Paper on this topic, carried over from the previous meeting. Its contents were noted
16. Flooding: no new information was presented
17. Reports from the Institute Committee, Parochial Church Council and the School Governors were presented

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Part 1: Non-confidential items

1. Apologies for absence – see above
2. Minutes of the previous meeting – see above
3. The Chairman to report any urgent item to be added to the agenda - none
4. Declaration of Interests (Note 1) - none
5. Policies of the Council – not considered
6. To approve any recommendations of the General Purposes Committee that require Council approval: the recommendation of the GPC to

increase the Precept for 2020/21 by 12.5% based on the modifications proposed by Councillor Neil Walsh was approved unanimously (see above for details)

7. Finance: due to the absence of Parish Clerk Lesley Bramwell a) and b) below could not be dealt with. See above regarding c)

- a) Invoices to be paid.

- b) Cheque signing.

- c) Precept requirement 2020/21

8. Any other item added to the agenda under 3 above - none

Part 2: Confidential items - none

NOTES

1. Members must ensure that they complete the Declarations of Interest sheet prior to the start of the meeting in respect of items other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and must indicate the action to be taken (i.e. to stay in the meeting, to leave the meeting or to stay in the meeting to make representations and then leave the meeting prior to any consideration or determination of the item). Where a Member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representations regarding the item before leaving the meeting, those representations must be made under item 6 (Village Voice);

2. Members of the public may attend and ask questions or make statements on matters of concern, whether or not they are on the agenda.