

**Gilberdyke Parish Council**  
**Budget and Financial Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**Summary Notes of Meeting**

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**In attendance** - Cllr N Norris: Cllr P Bryan: Cllr D Mansell: Cllr K Cooper: Cllr C Stevens: Cllr E Morrison:  
 Cllr C Newsome: Cllr K Woollass: Cllr P Buckle: Clerk – A Crabbe

**Apologies** Cllr J Anrold

**Non-attendance** Cllr J Bates

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**1 Remembrance Statue / Memorial Plinth** - *Cllrs to consider discuss possible statue / plinth in liaison with Gilberdyke Volunteers - Kirsty Old (Treasurer to GV) will be in attendance to discuss with Cllrs.*

Cllrs welcome Kirsty Old of the Gilberdyke Volunteers to the meeting. Kirsty explained that the volunteers were looking at placing Remembrance silhouette statues of the unknown soldier in the village and were currently considering locations for this – Kirsty explained they were considering the outside of the Memorial Hall, or the Pond or the entrance to the village, although the latter option may be too removed from the community. Cllrs suggested speaking to the Memorial Hall as this was the obvious location for a statue.

**Resolved** Cllrs agreed to contribute £500 to the Gilberdyke Volunteers for the purchase of a second memorial statue.

**2 Final general discussions on the budget for 2021/22** - *Cllrs to consider any new items which need adding to the budget or any amendments to the draft currently in circulation (attached)*

Cllrs considered each budget item and decisions can be seen on the attached budget and to be signed off at the April meeting. Chair asked Cllrs to review the budget once the amendments agreed at tonight’s meeting and determine if any further changes were need as April was the last chance to do this.

**Ongoing** Final budget to be signed off / approved at the April meeting.

**3 Items currently tabled for budget 2021/22 – Cllrs to specifically consider the following items.**

Budget Items to be considered by Cllrs at March Meeting	Estimated amount	Proposed by
Green displays on section of land at Bellasize (Screening, raised beds, bushes)	£500	Cllr Mansell
Notice board for Fishing Pond – Board to provide wildlife info as well as notices	£1000	Cllr Stevens
Refurbishment of Playground & Youth Shelter	£500	Cllr Morrison

Cllrs agreed to postponing a decision on the green display proposal for Bellasize due to some Cllrs expressing concern over the location proposed.

**4 Reserve of £70k allocated to Memorial Hall** - *Cllrs to consider and make final decision on amount of money in Reserve No.1 for the purposes of financing a new Memorial Hall.*

**Meeting Note:** Cllr Bryan declared an interest in this matter and would not be speaking or voting on the item. Endorsing the previous decision to end the annual 10k financial contribution to the Memorial Hall, Cllrs unanimously agreed to close / end the £70,000 fund which had been accumulated for the purposes of contributing to a new Memorial Hall building – this decision was based on the understanding that the purposes of the fund would never be realised.

After further discussion and Cllrs expressing their views, Cllr furthermore agreed that the £70,000 would be merged into the No.1 Reserve and at this point there are no funds earmarked for specific purposes in either of the two PC reserves. Cllrs noted that several key projects were on the horizon and to which the monies could be better allocated for the benefit of the community.

Cllrs went onto discuss how the Parish Council might support community bodies in the village going forward and a proposal was put that a Community Grant fund of £20,000 should be included in the budget for 2021/22 – Community bodies would be invited to apply for funding under this Grant, ensuring that all bodies in the village were able to be supported by the Parish Council. Cllrs agreed that a criterion should be agreed in which applicants would be expected to meet in any application – Clerk was asked to draft such criterion for the proposed scheme.

Cllrs also agreed to review the Community Grant Fund in 2022 to determine if this fund should continue and if it was agreed to continue, at what level this should be. This decision would be affected by the financial circumstances the Parish Council found itself in at the time and Cllrs reserve the right to end the fund if felt appropriate.

**Ongoing** Subject to final sign off / approval of budget by Cllrs at the April meeting, £20000 will be transferred from bank reserve No1 to the main account for the purposes of the Community Grant Budget.

**Ongoing** Clerk to research criteria for similar grant scheme and draft a proposed scheme for Gilberdyke – to be sent to Cllrs for contribution / amendment with a view to signing off by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

- 5 **Memorial Hall Floor** - *Cllrs to consider a request for financial support from Memorial Hall Committee regarding a replacement floor. Noting that Cllrs have with-held a decision on this pending requested information from the Memorial Hall Committee, which has not been forthcoming, there will be a recommendation from the Financial Officer that no funding is made available until such time as the information is provided.*

After extensive discussion and Cllrs expressing varied views, Cllrs unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not provide any funds to the replacement of the floor at this point due to the lack of information which would enable them to make an informed decision in the matter. However, the Memorial Hall would be encouraged and invited to make application under the new proposed Community Grant Scheme if the Memorial Hall Committee felt there was still a need.

**Resolved** as above.

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## Post Meeting Financial Officers Assessment

Even considering the amendments to the budget as of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March, I still forecast

1	Draft Budget Forecast Spending	£68,779.88 (see attached budget)
2	Total Precept in 2021/22	£66,350.00
3	Forecast Bank Balance as of 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	£65,284.92

Forecast Variance (surplus) / year-end balance **£62,855.04** (forecast for end of 2021/22 financial year)