

NETTLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING via Zoom
MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Cllrs Marilyn Crothers, Ben Lintott, Oliver Reynolds, Ian Mackie, Robin Wichard,
And Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Liz Scott and Martin Dewdney

- Balance at bank to date = **£3961.16** (last year £4126)

Precept for 2020 – 2021 £2,300

Do we want to keep the precept the same, reduce or increase the amount?

- 1 Cllr Crothers advised the Clerk's salary would be £1044.16 pa, reflecting April 20 increase
- 2 Black Cat Computers - The maintenance of the web site will be in addition to the hosting costs of £66 per annum, and domain name of £30 - budget at £150 pa.

- 3 Agreed we will continue to subscribe to SALC – budget £50.
- 4 Zurich Municipal Insurance is tied in to a three-year fixed agreement – this year will be final year of current arrangement - £168 pa
- 5 Retain a training budget – in mind of a change of Chairman at the AGM, as per last year £150 pa.
- 6 Retain an IT budget to cover the necessary upgrades of the current website and a general contingency for IT, £500 .
- 7 Retain a similar budget of £750, as in prior year, as opposed to this year's expenditure of £550 (Derek Quartly) to allow for changes to weather conditions & more cuts.
- 8 Charitable donations would be made at a similar value to this year - £100.
- 9 Audit fees – budget for £30
- 10 Postage and stationery – budget £25
- 11 Total budget allocations £2942, with uncertainty over website costs for accessibility, at this stage.

With a substantial bank balance, it was agreed that the ICT provision carried forward from this year could be funded from the reserves. Therefore there was no reason to increase the Precept requirement at this stage.

Cllr Mackie proposed that the Nettlecombe precept remain the same as for 2020/21 (£2,300), seconded by Cllr Reynolds – no dissent.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending .

Date and time of next meeting: **Monday February 8th at 20.00 via Zoom – details circulated via email**