
Report from Finance Advisory Group Chairman

Part 1: TO PROPOSE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PROTECT BUCKDEN FUTURE GROUP (PBFG) FOR THEIR DONATION TO BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

A vote of thanks to the Committee and members of the Protect Buckden's Future Group is (PBFG) proposed by the Chairman of the Finance Advisory Group.

Buckden Parish Council has received a donation to the value of £2,281.73 from PBFG.

Their Chairman noted that while their Committee has been active on Lucks Lane and then other planning concerns in the village, during the last couple of years they have incurred no expenses and can foresee no further expenditure as mandated by their constitution.

The PBFG donation is to be used as seen fit by the Buckden Parish Council.

The PBFG Chairman requested that we bear in mind the reason why funds were originally donated to their group, specifically that this money will be used to oppose inappropriate development of the village,

This was discussed by the Finance Advisory Group (Finance AG) at its January 2021 meeting.

It was agreed by Finance AG that these funds would be placed in an Earmarked Reserve for use to support BPC's activities to address concerns about developments affecting the Parish.

Expenditure of these funds will be prioritised by agreement between the Chairmen of the Planning Committee and the Large-Scale Planning Committee informed by the judgements of the members of those committees.

Part 2: TO SHARE THE SUMMARY VERSION OF THE BPC 2021-22 BUDGET

The Parish Precept (which is BPC's share of 2021-22 Council Tax) is £122.40 for the year, i.e. £2.35 per week calculated for a "Band-D equivalent" property.

This is 12p extra per week for the Parish Precept in 2021-22, compared to the current year.

The total Precept for Buckden Parish Council for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 will be £149,201. This is the main income we use to deliver Parish services to residents.

The Buckden Parish Precept makes up about 5% of the total Council Tax collected through Hunts District Council. Further details of the overall Council Tax will be circulated by HDC.

Councillors agreed the Parish Council budget for 2021-22 at its meeting in November 2020. This agreement was informed by the Finance Advisory Group's detailed input into the financial proposals for work and projects by all BPC Councillors, and the BPC Committees and Advisory Groups.

In February 2021 Hunts District Council confirmed that the Precept request arising from the agreed BPC budget has been approved.

Proposal: Councillors to note the attached Summary which will be placed on BPC website.

Appendix

BPC Budget 2021-22 Summary (pdf)