
Report from Finance Advisory Group Chairman

Finance Report

Part 1: TO NOTE WORK TO PREPARE THE DRAFT BPC BUDGET FOR 2021-22

The Clerk and the Advisory Groups, through their Chairmen, are currently reviewing projects and recurrent expenditure for the next Financial year, to inform the Parish Council budget.

Proposals will be collated and presented to the Finance Advisory Group at its meeting on 20th October 2020. This will include consideration of projects which the Council have been unable to complete in 2020-21 due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and which we can carry complete in 2021-22 through management of Earmarked Reserves.

A proposed budget will then be brought to the Council meeting in November 2020 for discussion and final decisions.

Part 2: Management of records of visitors to the Village Hall to contact the Clerk

Further to the Chairman's report on the arrangements to aid communication between the Clerk and Village residents, by using a 'Ring' brand of video doorbell a further consideration is whether we wish to purchase a subscription for storage of the images and audio for up to 30 days.

Stored images may assist with responding to queries or dealing with complaints. There are two options available with Ring, if Council decides that it is appropriate

Option 1: £24.99/year. Records all the videos captured by your Ring device and saves them to your account. You can then review all your videos at your convenience, download to save them for later or, if you so choose, share them.

Option 2: £80/year. As Option1 plus with Protect Plus you can opt in to Assisted Monitoring, receive automated calls when your Ring Alarm detects a security issue.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS: If we decide it is appropriate to purchase a plan so that Ring stores the images then BPC is required to undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment. The Information Commissioners Office provides a checklist to assist in this, as the video doorbell is a form of CCTV.

Proposal: To agree whether the costs and other implications of recording the images are appropriate and desirable.

Proposal: If it is decided to store recorded images, then to delegate authority to the Clerk the selection of a data storage package to support the use of a video doorbell/phone combination