

## BLANKNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Budget Meeting 2022. 6.00pm Thursday 27 January 2022.

Venue: Aisling House 69 Main Street Scopwick LN4 3NW

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### AGENDA

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Item 1: Public Forum, no public forum, the meeting is being held with the press and public excluded for reasons as stated in Section 12a of the Local Government Act 1972

Item 2: Reports from outside bodies, County and District Councillors and the police are excluded, Reports from Cllr Kendrick and updates from NKDC are circulated to Members by the Clerk.

The Parish Council Meeting to continue under Standing Orders

Item 3: Apologies for absence

Item 4: Declaration of Interests as per the Code of Conduct (Members may declare an interest at any time during the meeting should one become apparent)

Item 5: Minutes

a) To resolve the minutes of meeting held on 20 January 2021 - already approved and signed as a correct record.

b) Any matters arising from the Minutes

Item 6: to agree a draft budget for submission to NKDC which will become the Parish Precept for the year 2022 -2023

### **Draft for discussion**

#### **Blankney Parish Council Draft Precept for the year 2021-2022 2022/2023**

Parish Clerks Salary (3hrs p/w @ £11.25 p/h x 52)	£1,755.00	1,830.00	(11.73 p/h)
NI - Employers contributions	200.00.	210.00	
Clerk's expenses (travel to meetings training, or NKDC)	50.00.	50.00	
Employers & Public Liability Insurances	350.00.	375.00	
Stationary, postage and printer costs	50.00.	55.00	
Cemetery (provisional sum)	1,000.00.	500.00	Village grass
cutting.	300.00.	300.00	

Website	250.00.	500,00
LALC Membership	200.00	
Election sinking fund.	350.00.	1,000.00
Training.	100.00.	
Planning application costs (£464.00 x 50%).	232.00	
Audit fee.	200.00.	250.00
NKDC first year administration costs.	200.00.	50.00
Dog bins.	100.00.	120.00
Previous years overspend.	<u>500.00</u>	
Queens Jubilee (see below).		??????
Village gateways: planning costs, plus whatever else.		??????
	<u>£5,837.00.</u>	<u>£5,240.00</u>

Note's:

The Clerks salary: it has been increased by 4.3% in line with national wages inflation.

NI payments will increase

Insurance: I expect the P/L & E/L insurance to increase

Website: The chap (Pete Langford) who was getting paid by LALC/LCC is now billing us for his support and training, the Clerk at Scopwick is more IT competent than I but Scopwick PC spent £975.00 last year on this and budgeted the same for this year, we are obliged to have a website by law

Cemetery: I would like to build up a cemetery fund for 'just in case expenditure'

Grass cutting: as above

LALC: I didn't bother last year, but when we get another Clerk they would need LALC support which I get from NKDC on the old boys act.

Election Fund: speaking to Marcella Heath at NK she thinks a simple election would cost us £2,300 - £2,500.00, if we add a £1,000.00 this year and a £1,000.00 next year we will have that money (£2,350.00) in reserve for the 2023 election, should it be contested, if it isn't we keep that money in an election fund for the 2027 election and so on, adding small sums for inflation in the coming years.

Training: included in the website

Audit fee: Plus £50,00 I kept it low last year

NK administration fee: they haven't billed us as they know I would have to pay them until we get a bank a/c set up.

Dog bins: as above once we order it for the cricket field we shall have to pay for it

Queens Platinum Jubilee: we shall have a balance of I expect £2,000 - £2,500.00 from last year, I would like to keep most of it in a contingency fund, I would be happy when a council of this size has at least £5,000.00, I suppose we could do the village gateways in commemoration, or anything else we can think of, or do nothing.

I don't want to reduce the precept too much, if the government decide to impose the same cap on parishes as they have on the county and district councils (which is highly likely) my successor may have a problem doing what I am drafting now

The PC have still not opened a bank account as it is almost impossible to get an appointment with a business manager despite the efforts of the Chairman, NK and I the problem it is/was? A unique a/c where all transactions has to be made using two signatures including internet banking, Barclays is one of the banks that provide that service; The PC owes me approx £2,375.00 + what we will owe Pete Langford, etc, etc I will prepare a March 31st 2022 projection soon.