

<p>j) Discussion agreed to take out the architects' costs to another line for The Limes. Agreed that the business case costs needed to be moved into year 2 not year one.</p> <p>k) Discussion about costs of running The Limes. It was pointed out that users would be opening and closing themselves. It would not be a case of a caretaker or the Clerks doing such tasks; that there would be a booking system and it was agreed that the figure of £2260 was the best guess.</p> <p>l) It will take a year to reorganise the interior so the reduced income will mean reduced expenditure.</p> <p>m) The Village Voice has recently asked for 2000 - request came in after this budget sheet was prepared</p> <p>n) Line 54 donations to various groups included £500 to the mobile warden scheme, Home Start which we know are supporting four families; a donation of £250 for Royston Transport. Agreed to start a community lifeline system and to support one such medallion.</p> <p>o) question raised about making a donation to the Royal British Legion as parish councils do.</p> <p>p) discussion about maintenance of the War Memorial.</p> <p>q) V.a.t. - the issue was raised anything over £7500 we cannot reclaim.</p> <p>r) still looking to find savings Councillor Cathcart said we may have to put it up but we are still lower than villages of a similar size. We do need to look critically at the figures but it important that the benefit is there.</p> <p>s) Do not have to spend on Cemetery would rather give other things the community need – could defer.</p> <p>t) District and County councillors were asked how their councils were coping with setting a budget and both agreed they were in the same dilemma and County obviously has social care which is the largest cost.</p> <p>u) It may be that conversion of The Limes but have to wait but it's important to have it in use.</p> <p>v) Council was reminded that the precept had not been put up for many years and maintenance of the village had not taken place requiring the replacement which we've seen. We need to keep the village to a standard to assure quality of life.</p> <p>w) It was further pointed out that everything will not be back to normal next year the debt will continue to mushroom.</p> <p>x) Line 60 we are encouraged to have and remains same.</p> <p>y) we do need to have contingency against unexpected expenditure.</p> <p>z) Line 62 or 64 the cycle route there is no route to progress at the moment as the farmer would not give access.</p> <p>aa) £10,000 for professional fees is in as we may need this because of the "call for sites". Question asked whether this money was a rollover from the East West rail consultancy from previous precept. Not required for East West Rail this year. New budget.</p> <p>bb) War memorials budget - suggest £1000 remainder to perhaps the British Legion or Royston Transport.</p> <p>cc) Christmas fund - £1000 - can be taken off.</p> <p>dd) Neighbourhood plan £10,000 agreed £5000 this year and £5000 next</p> <p>ee) discussion on road safety around the school - trying to build up to T and T budget up to £50,000. It was advised by Susan Van de Ven that highways is a County</p>	<p>MH</p>
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	<p>Council responsibility and local highway initiatives would be the route to go although the larger the project the larger the contribution.</p> <p>RFO had set 4 meetings to discuss the budget at each one, concluding at the full PC meeting on 17th November for approval. For 3 of these meetings, the budget was not discussed by Councillors at length so the deadline for approval must be moved to Dec.</p> <p>Chairman of Finance made the point that this meeting had been necessary even though Amenities Committee had not given consideration to budget matters.</p> <p>Question raised about using section 106 monies for Elbourn Way, which is stated as maintenance of play areas - could some of this money be used to purchase a new swing set?. RFO to check.</p> <p>Agreed that should be a line for savings at the bottom in order that amounts can then be reallocated as necessary</p>	<p>BI</p> <p>BI</p>
	<p>There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10:30</p> <p>Signed Date</p>	

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