

# Stoke St Mary Parish Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> Wednesday 08 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 7:30 pm At SSM Village Hall	<b>Written by:</b> Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)
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## Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting Minutes

### Councillor's Present

Cllr Vic Freir  
 Cllr Patricia Fallance  
 Cllr Dan Fallance  
 Cllr Rob Hossell  
 Cllr Colin Fisher  
 Cllr Nigel Wright

### In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk  
 Parishioners x none

**2020/1) Welcome by Chairman**

The chairman opens the meeting and thanks people for attending.

**2020/2) Apologies**

Cllr Andrew Rhodes

**2020/3) Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**2020/4) To set the parish finances for 2020/2021**

**1. To set out the expected spend for 2020/2021**

Historically the Parish Council did not increase the Precept till last year when we increased by inflation. Current balances in both accounts add up to £10984.89 but this is due to still holding CIL money of £2332.02. This CIL needs to be spent by Oct 2021.

The Council is subject to yearly audit and this states that we should not hold more than 2x our precept. This is current precept plus one year as emergency. For this reason it is believed we will struggle to ask for a larger precept than to increase by inflation unless we have large running costs not project costs.

After a review of this year's figures of our incoming and outgoing costs the figures suggest that we have a running cost approx. £4000.00 per year. Cllr Colin Fisher said we need to have a Precept to cover costs and it is irresponsible to not have that. There was a change in clerks' hours and salary due to needing more hours due to additional responsibility and the band lift in pay by SALC. After this careful review of figures it is suggested that £4100 would only just cover expenses and leave noting as a contingency. We are now much more active as a council.

**2. To set the Parish Precept for 2020/2021**

Based on last year's spend Cllr Dan Fallance proposed to cover our costs plus inflation. These figures were discussed based on the information prepared by the RFO on 2019/2020 figures forecasted till the end of the year.

After looking at the spend of the council it is added up to £4373.00, this figure had inflation added as cost of 2.2% which means the council is looking for around £4470.00. It is proposed that we increase precept to £4400.00 (keeping the number a round figure) Raising the precept from £3307.00 to £4400 is proposed by Cllr Dan Fallance and seconded by Cllr Vic Freir. All in favour of this.

Precept to be signed by Clerk and Chairman. Clerk to submit request to SWAT.

**2020/5) NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7.30pm, STOKE ST MARY VILLAGE HALL  
**Meeting closes at 20.16**

Minutes from Stoke St Mary Parish Council January 08th 2020

Signed:  [Chairman]