

APM Clerk Report

We have all had to make changes over the past year due to the pandemic, hopefully light is at the end of the tunnel and we may see some normality soon.

It was a bit of a shock at first holding meetings virtually, and there have been a few issues, also locking of facilities, never really knowing what was to happen next. but if the law does not change, we will be holding face to face meeting shortly, but with covid restrictions in place and keeping meetings as short as possible to protect everyone.

The Council has kept the precept the same this finance year (21-22), but we did however spend 42% over the budget at the end of the last financial year. The fence at the half moon being a high proportion of this. The Council has been lucky to have a small amount of spare money, that has to be allocated to projects. With that in mind we have allocated any spare money we had on items for the future, ie major park repairs and Locum cover for staff. Any items that we supply has to be allocated in the budget document and that is where the precept is formed. To help keep the precept down, we are looking at starting a car boot sale on the recreation field possibly this year when we come out of covid if not next year. We also donated money to Berkeley for the covid booster boxes.

We would like to hold a best carved pumpkin this year, and a scarecrow festival and produce show next year, also we will be helping the senior members of the Parish with a few lunches. This is all finance permitting.

We understand that some people in the parish have not been able to go online, and we sympathise with this, the whole country had to adapt to this change of lifestyle. But please be ware people can contact the Clerk by phone, or letter asking for agenda and minutes to be read out or sent to individuals. We also have the notice boards where agendas are displayed.

I would like to thank the Council for their continued support especially in the pandemic and look forward to another exciting year.

Thank you for your continued support.