

## FG027/24) Precept planning

Ongoing list of items to note for precept planning:

### **Additional Parish land ownership** (forecast £1087 – suggested £2200)

- Land maintenance costs for the future to be taken into account for Rosemary Place, Piggot Gardens, Hopkins SGB, and LAP / LEAP, amenity area on Victoria Way (still to be transferred).

*Currently funded by s106 obligations from developers but accommodation for future should be considered.*

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### **Training** (forecast £2284 – suggested £3500)

- CiLCA for Clerk(s) costs increase annually currently £1150 each.

*Costs to be confirmed due to annual increases.*

- Refresher training to be considered for all existing and new Cllrs – allow £1125
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### **Buildings**

- Hub facias – quotes requested for the replacing of wooden roofline window dressing – replace with maintenance free plastics.

*Awaiting quotes.*

- Replacement stair lift in the Hub – lift is at the end of its life.
    - Quotes received as of July 24 ranging from £15,701 to £18,737
  - Works to Littlehands to replace exterior doors – *approx. £6,000*
  - Pavilion – possible extension.
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### **Community groups**

- Consider increasing precepted amount for Mobile Warden Scheme from £7,500 to £10,000
- Grinnel Hill insurance – confirmation of why this is precepted, should it come from Community Benefit Grants and be applied for in the same manner?

*Currently precepted at £2,000 – this year's insurance showed an increase of £500*

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### **Website rebuild** (forecast £0 – suggested £1500)

- Requirement to bring website up to code for accessibility and refresh the look and feel.

*Quotes received ranging from £450 - £1200*

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**MAYD** (forecast £6,825 – suggested £25,000)

- Look at youth provision – could it be possible to employ a Stephanie for the Youth? Research examples where this has been done and look at impact. They could be responsible for seeking grants etc for projects such as a new community hall, extension to the pavilion, youth recreation provision.

*Requested meeting with Littleport Town Council who have had great success with tackling ASB etc by introducing a youth worker and youth initiatives*

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**Timebank**

- *From 2021 - PC140/21: The Timebank has been in place for 3 years and the Timebank Coordinator's role has developed over time and in response to the current situation. It was noted that the past 2 years activities have been affected by Covid and the Timebank Coordinator has adapted activities accordingly. HR Panel's recommendation is that the Timebank Coordinator's role be funded from the precept for a further 3 years, to be reviewed annually.*

*RESOLVED to continue to support the Timebank and fund the Timebank Coordinator's salary for a further period of 3 years (reviewed annually).*

Confirmation that Timebank and Community Coordinator salary should continue to be precepted. Bring to council for confirmation of continued role?

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**Village Maintenance**

- The flower tubs at the Cross are in need of replacing and maintenance – has previously been looked after by Cllr but is now in need of replacement and formal maintenance to keep looking nice. Could coincide with any works to the green area outside the butchers when Greenway works complete.

*Allow up to £1,000 for replacement tubs*

- Increased coverage of bi-annual tree survey to cover more parish owned trees – looking to at least double what is covered. Current costs are ~£900.

*Awaiting quotes – allow £2,000*

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**LHI Application**

- Include costs to match fund possible LHI application for works around schools and road lining.

*Quoted at £2,000 plus £1.50 per linear meter of lining (additional costs for any road management needed). Asking Wardens to measure identified areas.*

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**Energy**

- Energy contracts are due for renewal – propose to work with Clear Utility Solutions to make a suggestion to Council as to which supplier we should go with – costs change daily so can only be approved at the time of resolution.
  - Unmetered street lighting      renewal date 01/02/2025
  - Workshop      renewal date 18/01/2025
  - Old Rec      renewal date 23/04/2025
  - Orchard Rd Cemtery      renewal date 23/05/2025
  - The Pavilion      renewal date 13/08/2025

It should be noted that the current supplier of unmetered street lighting (Yu Energy) will not be able to offer the service after renewal. Currently there is only one supplier that can provide unmetered supply that we require.

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