

Hi Sam / Dave

Please see attached initial budget run based on figures agreed at last F&GP, plus notes.

There is one line which needs to be reconsidered – 4214/130 – planned maintenance on parks/open spaces. The last budget figure of 9600 was based on the maintenance contract we have with BIFFA to cut our grass/hedges etc on a monthly basis. I expect we would wish to retain this service? so I have left the budget figure at 9600. This means we can summarise as:

Overall total expenditure: £153240

Overall total income: £151582

Net income over expenditure = -£1658

To help achieve a balance I suggest the following. Starting with the figure -£1658 -

Quick wins –

1300/170 – burial fees – I would expect to remain stable at £5000 (-658)

1090/110 – interest – I would expect to be at least £200 (-508)

1095/110 – property rent – current budget at £6900. As long as Bloors do not vacate then this would stay the same (-108). If Bloors choose to vacate then we could expect some other rental income.

4220/170 – business rates for cemeteries – This needs to be increased to around £750 based on actual (-358)

Offset by any of / variations of / combination of:

4045/100 – audit fees – could remain as £1800 (+200)

4110/110 – church clock – is there a legal reason why this has to stay? (+300)

4300/130 – seats – could reduce to £250 (+250)

4305/130 – tree work – could reduce to £400 (+350)

4305/170 – tree work – could reduce to £250 (+250)

These are just my ideas, let me know your thoughts. Obviously all will need to be tweaked anyway when the tax base is known.

Best regards

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