

FROM: Jools Marley, Clerk to the Parish Council & Responsible Financial Officer.

TO: All Councillors

DATE: 3rd January 2017

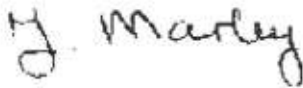
SUBJECT: Update on highway, footpath & other matters since 15/12/16

1. Items raised at previous council meetings:-

1. Unlit streetlights on Newby Farm Road, Pornic Avenue and Church Hill reported to NYCC.

2. New items

1. 8 unlit streetlights in various locations (spotted during judging of Christmas Lights) reported to NYCC.
2. Lights on Christmas tree at Newlands shops - went off 16/12/16. Column providing electric feed hit by vehicle and removed by Northern Powergrid. Column will be replaced in new year, but no means of providing alternative supply for tree lights in the interim.



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SUBJECT: Precept 2017/18.

It is now time for Council to set its precept for the 2017/18 financial year.

Immediately accessible reserves increased during the 2016/17 financial year - this was due to a bond at the Skipton maturing and the matured sum being taken into short term reserves.

On current projections, it is anticipated that Council will end the financial year with a small surplus of income over expenditure. Any surplus/deficit will go into/be drawn from reserves. It is anticipated Council will start the new financial year with immediately accessible reserves at just over £83,000.

As you are aware, the Parish Council is taking over responsibility for the library premises from 1st April 2017. Anticipated running costs have been budgeted for, with any renewals or improvements being funded from reserves.

Choices

- Leave cost per property unchanged. The tax base (the estimated full year equivalent number of chargeable dwellings in the parish) has increased for 2017/18. As a result, if Council keeps its charge per property at current levels (for example £10-89 for a Band D property), this will raise a slightly higher precept of £39,050.
- Keep precept at current amount. If Council wishes to leave its precept at the same overall amount as 2016/17, then it should set a precept of £38,350 - this equates to an average council tax reduction of 1.65% or a cost of £10-71 for a Band D property.
- Increase precept by £1,000. This equates to an average council tax increase of 0.83% or a cost of £10-98 for a Band D property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

1. Council leaves cost per property unchanged.
2. Council sets a precept of £39,050

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