

## **Guidance notes regarding Budget 2018-19**

Ann and I have met and put together a draft budget for consideration

At the moment we have not included any allocation for elections although next local elections are not scheduled until May 2019 if any member of the parish council resigns there could potentially be another local election

Electricity power supply increased by £14 per quarter after the first quarter of the financial year we have increased the quarterly cost on a similar scale for next year

At the moment there is no provision for grass cutting of the Playing field as the Lady Smockers will now be doing this work with their new mower. There is an amount of £500 in the budget for the group as per our agreement. I have not allowed any additional costs for fuel but this might be something we need to consider.

Administration costs were over budget this year - the planning application was £207.50 but we were also over budget due to printing costs, toners etc. We agreed that the amount set was more realistic going forward.

NDP does need to be shown in the budget but can be funded out of reserves (either by reducing down the earmarked reserves for the field or using undesignated reserves.)

The allotments (if granted permission) will need to be ploughed, plots divided out, fenced off and a water supply connected. This is an estimate as at this stage we don't have costs from Anglian Water however I have based the ground works and fencing on similar work undertaken at Brickhill allotments. Allotments rent based on £30.00 per half plot per financial year (similar costs to other organisations) but this will be for first year only once water charges have been reviewed

We do not include any potential Cil Levy in the budget.

### **Precept**

Precept of £9754 which is reduction of £1000 (-9.7% or £8.63)

This equates to £80.37 per Band D household