**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET MEETING held via ZOOM at 1845 on 12th January 2021**

**Apologies:** Cllr. Dan Dyson

**Present:** Cllrs. Deb Vine (chair), Susan Ashelby, Margie Bond, Jennie Clements, the Internal Auditor Paul Sizer and The Clerk Andrew Berry.

This was a single-issue meeting to discuss the budget for 2021/22 in advance of the full council meeting at 19.30 on the same day.

1. The 2020/2021 forecast compared to the budget for that year was discussed and the variances were reviewed by Cllr. Vine. It was noted that the expenditure budgeted for 2020/2021 had been delayed due to Covid 19. Advertising permission for the village signs and work on the bus shelter had been deferred until 2021/2022. This allowed the council to make grants totalling £5,000 to the village hall to replace crumbling steps, improve disabled access via a ramp, parking and install new safety railings.
2. The clerk thanked Rob Vine for his work on presenting the budget
3. The projected total RCC spend for 2020/2021 is £11,360.90.
4. The cash forward from 2020/2021 is predicted at £13,007.90.
5. Cllr. Bond asked about the cost of the ride-on mower service. The clerk said that in his opinion it was expensive, but the vehicle needed to be roadworthy and safe for anyone who drove it and it was best properly maintained in case the council decided to sell it and replace its use with a contractor.
6. Most bills had been paid 2020/2021except for the audit fee, the Clerk’s remuneration in March and a grant of £150 to the village magazine. These were all agreed in advance of payment.
7. There was much discussion as to the precept for next year. It was decided to leave it at £12,500. The clerk will forward this request to Swansea City and Council. This was unanimously agreed.
8. The meeting closed at 19.20