

Agenda Item 5d

Increases in the Park Payments for 2019-20

Following last month's report of the meeting with Mr. Mousdale, the Clerk has been in contact with Craig Finn Accountancy Manager at Pendle to discuss the Councils contributions for 2019-20.

The original maintenance cost for 2017-18 was £27,490.00 of which Barrowford PC paid 25%. The following year 7% rounded to the nearest 10 was added before 50% of the total was passed to the Parish Council. (The Council not being notified of this increase until mid-January after the budget had been approved). Mr Finn is unsure what the potential increase will be as this will not be agreed by Pendle until they meet in mid-December.

This uncertainty could directly affect the total budgeted for each park as last year it left a shortfall of £960.00 in the park contribution budget but was offset from other funds relating to the park. To prevent a repeat of this it would be prudent to budget for a 7% increase in the 2019-20 maintenance total whilst asking for some justification as to the level of increase if 7% is added to the 2019-20 maintenance budget. As can be seen from the table next year's contribution will rise by £8,897.50 if the 7% increase is added.

Budget Requirement for Barrowford Memorial Park:

| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Annual Cost | 27490.00 | 27490.00 | 29410.00 |
| 7% Increase approx. | | 1920.00 | 2060.00 |
| | | 29410.00 | 31470.00 |
| 25% | 6872.50 | | |
| 50% | | 14705.00 | |
| 75% | | | 23602.50 |
| Total for Year | 6872.50 | 14705.00 | 23602.50 |

Victoria Park: As no agreement with Nelson Borough Council could be reached over the division of maintenance contributions to their park. Barrowford Parish Council resolved to pay £6,550.00 or 25% of the total costs for last year's maintenance costs.

No further discussions have taken place and the Clerk suggests that this be retained at 25% of the total maintenance costs and with 7% increase will be around £7010.00 for 2019-20.