

To all residents of Killamarsh from the Parish Clerk/R.F.O.

Transparency of consultation on the annual budget for 2019/20

As Parish Clerk, advice is given to members of the council after seeking advice from D.A.L.C. (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils) and the auditors (Auditing Solutions).

Until the budget for 2019/20 is approved by members of the council, this cannot be placed on the Council's website.

NEDDC only recently informed the Clerk that the budget; therefore precept amount request, has to be with them by Thursday 3 January 19.

The first draft could only be produced in time for the meeting held on Monday 26 November and was therefore available for you to view on reception on Wednesday 21st November and will remain there for a month should you wish to read.

At the meeting held on Monday 26 November, members of the council were keen to arrange a finance meeting where members of the public are invited to attend as soon as possible prior to the end of December to avoid having an extra ordinary meeting being held over the festive period.

It was therefore discussed and agreed the following which was made very clear by a memo to ALL members of the council by the weekly correspondence circulated on Friday 30th November 18.

Annual Budget for 2019/20

Council agreed to add £8,000 to 1st draft budget making it expenditure over income of (£13,460) with no increase to the precept.

The R.F.O. to work on a figure of staff costs based on current organisational structure to present a revised figure and 2nd draft to circulate with agenda for the FPC on Wednesday 12 December 18. Only changes to the 1st draft will be highlighted so all council members are to keep the copy of the 1st draft for reference.

All council members to contact the R.F.O. in writing with the following by Monday 10th December:

1. Any changes to the figures of income and expenditure and giving reasons
2. Recommendations for changes to precept No increase / 1% increase / 1.5% increase

The R.F.O. will circulate all 3 options to discuss the final draft budget with members of the public present at the meeting of the full parish council on Monday 17th December 18 and the rest of the agenda will only include urgent matters which cannot wait until the meeting held on Monday 28th January 19

ALL members of the council were notified, by the minutes of the previous meeting, that the meeting of the **Finance analysis working group** would be held on Monday 3 December 18 at 5.30pm.

Therefore, an agenda for a public meeting was not placed on the notice boards or the website giving you the invitation.

It appears that the communication from some council members caused confusion; hence, some residents arrived to a meeting which was not in any way for the purpose of discussing the budget and certainly was not discussed by the 4 members present:

Cllr B Jones Cllr R Philips Cllr D Taylor Mrs Susan Coldwell

The agenda for the meeting to be held to discuss the budget in an open and transparent way to which you are all invited will be placed on the notice boards and on the website in the due time of Wednesday 12 December. This statement is to give you advance notice to invite you to attend a meeting to be held in the parish suite on Monday 17th December at 7pm

Mrs Susan Coldwell-Parish Clerk/R.F.O.-Wednesday 5 December 18

Cllr B Jones (Chairman of the Council)

