

Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council

Finance briefing Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Present;

L Pardoe clerk, Councillor S Jones-Chairman, Councillor E Parton, Councillor S Dawes, Councillor A Bain, Councillor M Thorn.

The clerk explained that she had received three tenders for the Grass cutting contract for the next three years. She reported the quotes to the members present and it was unanimously agreed to give the contract to SLB Groundcare contract to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Proposed by Councillor E Parton, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members present.

The clerk had received a request from Hope House Hospice for a donation of £250 via the Councils grant awarding scheme taken from the Parish Council website. After discussion the members all agreed that they would not contribute to this cause. It was felt that this was large sum and it would be hard to justify this from the parish precept to residents. Many people do donate to this cause personally .It was agreed that the clerk would write to Hope House and explain that they were unable to assist with their request.

Members had received prior to the meeting some preparatory paperwork from the Chairman and clerk. After looking at these figures in detail it was agreed to set a budget of £6889 which would be an increase of 9%. These figures included an amount for the commencement of a Parish Plan which members had spoken about earlier in the year with Mathew Mead from Shropshire Council and Renee Wallace from Rural Community Council.

These figures will be ratified by members at the January meeting where the precept figure will be set.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 8.10pm.