

PRESTON UNDER SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING ON 6 DECEMBER 2022

REPORT OF THE CLERK

**SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
2023/24 BUDGET**

Residents of the village were asked to submit any suggestions for items to be included in the Council's budget for 2023/24. The following suggestions were received:

1. We would appreciate the **grass verges on Light Lane** continue to be included in the budget in the coming year.

2. The provision of a **flagpole** for the village especially as there will be a coronation next year. One thousand pounds was quoted last year, we think but we have seen smaller versions which would probably be cheaper.

3. To include the cost of a **Christmas Tree** next year as Helen Francis is paying for one for the village this year.

4. If there is any money left! Would the PC consider **replacing the Preston Under Scar signs at the 3 entrances to the village** which look a complete mess. Please look at replacement signs other villages have installed.

Personally, we don't think the PC needs to hold thousands of pounds in reserve in the off chance there is more than one person fighting to be elected!

(1 email from 2 residents)

I am writing on behalf of a group of people, cc'd into this email, in the PUS community who are investigating the best course of action to improve the PUS play park. We are scoping out parks that are under RDC jurisdiction and those that are under Parish Council jurisdiction, as well as those that have a combination of both. We do understand that the PC have previously indicated an unwillingness to take over the running of the park from RDC.

However, come April 2023 RDC no longer exists. There is uncertainty as to what becomes of the present agreement and therefore the community need a contingency plan.

Working on figures provided by David Lodge from RDC for the present year.

£3.85 x 26 - £100.10 yr inspection

£5.72 x 24 - £137.28 yr lawn

Adding a little for insurance – could the PC put £300 aside (not a commitment) as part of the precept for PUS?

If the PC has to take the park over then the money is there. But if some other management of the play area is adopted, the money could roll over to reduce the precept in 2224/5.

The group is working hard to gather information from around the RDC but we are not at the stage of having a presentation ready to take to the community to discuss as yet. The money suggested would ensure that the park is covered if NYC relinquishes responsibility. The group would then apply for grants to develop the park which couldn't be applied for if it stayed with the Authority.

(email from Councillor Higham on behalf of the Group investigating this issue)

The Parish Council is requested to consider the suggestions submitted and to determine whether any should be included in the Council's budget for 2023/24