

### Application for Council Tax discretionary discount

#### 1. XX, Redpoll Close, Broadway

An application for Council Tax discretionary discount has been received from the Council Taxpayer in respect of his property at XX Redpoll Close, Broadway.

The Council Taxpayer purchased the property in September 2018 as a holiday home for his family. The property needs to be refurbished in order to bring it up to standard and he has calculated that this will cost him approximately £25,000. He is looking to use local businesses to undertake the refurbishments.

The Council Taxpayer is looking for his purchase to be a long term commitment to the area and hopes to move permanently to the property on his retirement.

The Council Taxpayer accepted that he would need to pay Council Tax on the property but did not appreciate that this would be for the full charge. He is applying for the charge to be reduced due to the fact that he is not using all of the local services on a regular basis.

If his application is refused, the Council Taxpayer would have to undertake the refurbishment over a longer period. He was also looking at employing a local key holder company to attend, in the event of an alarm activation, so that the neighbours were not caused problems. However, he would not be able to afford this if his application was unsuccessful.

The Council Taxpayer has commented that he is aware that some Councils will award a discount of up to 50% on second homes. If a 50% discount was awarded in this case the cost to the Council would be as follows:

From 24/09/18 to 31/03/19

£ 360.83