

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2017
in the School at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: S Rose (Chairman), C Cracknell, J Humphries, B Skingle, P Joslin, Dean Wellbelove and A Gill.

In attendance: Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk)

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

None.

Cllr Gill arrived at 7.01 pm.

1. To approve apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllrs Skingle, Humphries, Gill, Joslin, Rose and Cracknell declared an interest in the setting of the precept as council tax payers, and also the existence of their dispensations allowing them to speak and vote. Cllr Wellbelove declared an interest in the setting of the precept. The Clerk advised on the NALC advice regarding setting of the precept and members' interests. The meeting waited while Cllr Wellbelove completed his dispensation request.

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

RESOLVED that the Parish Council receive a request for a dispensation from Cllr Wellbelove to speak and vote with regard to the precept.

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

RESOLVED that the Parish Council grant a dispensation to Cllr Wellbelove to speak and vote on the setting of the precept. (Prop SR, 2nd BS, unanimous)

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to take items 2 and 3 together.

2. To review the budget for financial year ending 31 March 2017

3. To approve budget for financial year ending 31 March 2018

The Clerk declared an interest in the items relating to salaries and admin support and offered to leave the meeting. RESOLVED that the Clerk be invited to remain.

The Clerk left the meeting.

RESOLVED to set up a working group to review the level of support that the Parish Council requires within the next 12 months and to leave the figures as prepared and thank LGS Services for offering to hold the price for a further 12 months. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- To include; advertising £3200; grounds maintenance, grass cutting and trees £13,000; repairs and assets maintenance £8,000;
- To earmark any under-spend in this year's Special projects budget and to include £5000 in FY2018's budget
- To allocate this year's contingency budget to the grounds maintenance, grasscutting and trees budget to cover the overspend on that budget heading.
- To make provision for the additional trees work at Sudeley Grove from General reserves.

- To find out the agency services options for the village, for example grass cutting and work on public rights of way, etc. and the funds available if the Parish Council took on these services.
- That the pitch fees continue at £250 per club.
- That Cllr Cracknell should speak to Jerry Burford at the HSSC and ask him to convey to the person organising the bootcamp on the all-weather pitch and that he should have sought permission from the Parish Council and that the Council will need to charge the group if the surface is damaged.
- To write to the County Council indicating that following the Cahills Corner work the Parish Council’s contribution to the Minor Improvement scheme bid from approximately two years for cutting back encroaching vegetation would no longer be required.
- To ask SCDC whether the S106 money received for indoor community facilities could be used for the school stage or parquet floor, or for the pavilion drains.
- RESOLVED to use the balance of the earmarked PARC fund towards the recently ordered fencing.
- RESOLVED that the Scout Hut Fund earmarked reserve should be £27,000.

RESOLVED that the budget be approved. (Prop SR, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

4. To set and demand the precept required for the Parish Council to balance its budget

RESOLVED, given that the General Reserves were approximately two times the annual expenditure, that the Parish Council, release £6000 from reserves to help balance the budget.

RESOLVED to set and demand from South Cambridgeshire District Council the sum of £42,453, being the amount required by the Parish Council to balance its budget. (Prop CC, 2nd JH, carried with 1 abstention)

5. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
