

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday February 9th 2010 at 54 Brookside Avenue

Present : Councillor R. W. Barton (Chairman)
Councillor K.D. Roughley (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor W. Ashcroft (Immediate Past Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs. K. S. Barton

Also in Attendance : L.J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

1. Income and Expenditure 2009-2010

The Clerk gave a verbal report, advising on the balances related to anticipated income and expenditure, as per the Precept /Budget 2009/2010.

2. a) Annual External Audit

The Audit of the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009 had been carried out satisfactorily and the necessary copies of the Auditors Report, Annual Return etc. had been displayed on the Council Notice Boards at the appropriate time.

b) Internal Audit 2010 /2011

The Internal Auditor, Mr.P.Fairclough, had carried out the audit up to November 2009 and would shortly be repeating the process up till the end of Feb.2010.

3. Projects

a) Christmas Tree Lighting 2010

It was becoming apparent that alterations to the normal arrangements might have to be made this year, involving the purchase of a tree annually(say 8ft to 12 ft tall) ,the purchase of some additional LED lights and an alternative power source obtained. Mr.Ian Wellens, the Head Teacher at Bleak Hill School had already been advised of this possible situation. Further investigation would prove necessary.

b) Roll of Honour Plaques

These might be introduced to replace the addition of links for the Chairman`s Chain and the Clerk had already obtained some idea as to the cost involved, and it was hoped to obtain further information. Mr. Wellens had agreed that the plaques might be placed in the School.

4. Precept 2010/2011- Council Tax Base

A letter had been received from St Helens Council, advising that the Council Tax Base for the Windle Parish had been set 1003(Band D equivalent properties). The Parish Council had previously agreed to the suggested dates for the payment of the precept in two halves viz: 23/04/2010 and 25/06/2010.

After studying the proposals and some further discussion the Finance Committee agreed to recommend a level of £12000 for the amount of the Parish Precept.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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Date _____