

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th February 2009 at 26, Kiln Lane, St. Helens

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

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

Apologies ; Apologies had been made on behalf of Cllr.Mrs . K . S . Barton (currently in hospital).

1. Income & Expenditure 2008-2009

The Clerk submitted a verbal report , advising on expected balances in relation to projected receipts and payments to the 31st March 2009.

The External Audit for 2007-2008 had been passed by the auditors with no comment in 2008.

2. Budget & Precept 2009-2010

The Clerk gave details of the proposed budget for 2009/2010 and the necessary required precept.

The cost of providing security for the Lynton Way Play Area – essentially opening the gates in the morning, and closing them in the evening – was increasing year by year. This had been reduced by using the service less during the winter months , and consideration needs to be given to reducing usage even further if possible.

It would prove prudent to increase the provision for election costs to £1000 p.a.

A letter from St Helens Council had advised that the Council Tax Base for the Parish had been set at 1.007 (Band “ D” equivalent properties)

The Parish Council had previously resolved to accept the suggested payment dates for payment of the Precept 2009/2010 i.e.50% on 24th April 2010 and 50% on 26th June 2010.

After studying the budget etc proposals , the Committee recommended a level of £11850 for the amount of the Parish Precept.

3. Possible Projects

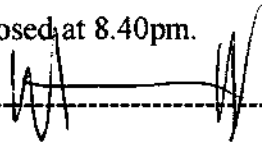
A number of possible projects were considered but nothing was finalised.

4. Clerk's Salary

NALC had issued details of a proposed interim salary award effective from 1/04/08 and the Clerk requested that this increase be applied.

The Committee agreed to recommend this to the Council

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm.

Signed  Chairman

Date 17/2/2009