

89.4 Earmarked Reserves/Budgets

These items were not printed for this meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

The item of the Precept request was left until last all other Agenda items were taken first.

90 Request for Additional Funding

There were no requests.

91 End of Year Audit

The Clerk had circulated a document reflecting an adequate and effective system of internal Audit. Members considered the document and made alterations.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make the alterations and bring back to next meeting.

92 Computer System (Permanent Agenda Item)

Nothing further to report.

93 EALC Programme of Training Courses for 2010

Cllr Clacy had requested to complete the advanced councillor training over 2 days on 27th January, 2010 and 31st March, 2010 at a cost of £108.00. The courses were being held at Dunmow.

RESOLVED: that the Cllr Clacy attends at a cost of £108.00 for both days.

94 Bad Debt Policy

This item was deferred.

95 Revaluation of Properties

This item was deferred.

96 Matters for Report

There were none

97 Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 15th December – apologies were given by Cllr Whiteing

98 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: that pursuant to S.1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting be not now open to the public and press for the following items of business and they were instructed to withdraw.

99DCA

The quarterly meeting had been held. The next meeting would be in January.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

100 Staff

The Clerk had completed 24 hours of overtime during the absence of an Assistant Clerk for three months.

RESOLVED: that the clerk be paid for the 24 hours of overtime.

101 Three Year Forecast

This item was being discussed with the Precept 2010 - 2011.

102 Royal British Legion

A report from the Leases Working Party held on Friday 13th November, 2009 was going to Parish Council in November.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

The Meeting was no longer in private and confidential.

103 Precept Request 2010 – 2011

Members had some hard decisions to make. The reserve figure for the Council was £30,000. This figure should be at least three months working budget which would be in the region of £50,000. Previously, it had been decided to work with a reserve figure of £30,000. Members felt that the Council had coped adequately with this figure. The DCA were a priority as was the office project. If monies were taken out of the parish office budget it would put the project back.

Concerns were raised as to when the Drainage and Car Park Project would take place. The Clerk explained that there was a report going to Full Parish Council regarding the Drainage and Car Project Phase III which should result in a way forward.

The running amount for the Council has been cut back to the bone. Members then debated how to cut back the requests from committees. Detailed below are the decisions made to request to Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that the Groundsman had felt very vulnerable since confronting the man who was in the process of stealing the diesel from the compound. Also that he had requested that the Council investigate CCTV and alarms. Hew was prepared to forego the bank mower in order for the Council to consider this request. It was decided to take this matter back to Facilities Committee for consideration from this year's budget. Also that the Groundsman be purchased a personal alarm.

The precept request was altered to £183,000 an increase of 5.17%. A vote was taken four members were in favour and there was one abstention.

RESOLVED: that a) the Parish Council is requested to submit a precept request of £183,000 which was an increase of 5.17%. (See Appendix III)
b) the Clerk purchase the Groundsman a personal alarm

103.1 Grants Request

An alteration was made to the Grants request was made. The £750.00 from the Village Hall Management Committee was withdrawn the total request was now £2600.

RESOLVED: that a recommendation of £2,600 be submitted to Parish Council from the Grants Working Party.

103.2 Resources Request

£10,000 was taken from the Resources Budget for refurbishment of the Parish Office. This project would have to move to a later time. £10,000 was taken out of the Drainage and Car Park Project. *(This item stands alone on the Precept Front Sheet)* This was on condition that the earmarked Drainage and Car Park Fund was not touched. £1,000 was taken out of the IT Capital Budget. £500 was taken out of the Elections Budget. The total reduction £11,500 on Resources budget.

RESOLVED: that a recommendation of £37,037 be submitted to Parish Council from the Resources Committee.

103.3 Environment Request

RESOLVED: that a recommendation of £2,100 be submitted to Parish Council from the Environment Committee.

103.4 Facilities Request

The War Memorial budget was cut to £250.00. The Bowling Green additional works was cut to £3000. The DCA Budget was cut to £22,500. Total reduction of £4750

RESOLVED: that a recommendation of £90,089 be submitted to Parish Council from the Facilities Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.12 p.m.

Cllr D Whiteing, Chairman

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Date