

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON Tuesday 25th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM IN MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Pearce
Cllr J Neish (Chairman)
Cllr C Border
Cllr J Carter
Cllr R Fountain (item 120 onwards)
Cllr A Holloway
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr A Whyte
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr I Neve
Cllr G Fisher

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

None

115. APOLOGIES

Cllr C Norman, (personal) Cllr Inman (work).

116. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item.

None

117. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2014.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2014 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. All in favour.

118. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time Allowed 10 minutes

None

119. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly statement of receipts and payments as at 31/10/14.

Noted

120. Grants and Donations

To consider the following requests:-

120.2 Citizens Advice Bureau.

Discussion around the work done by CAB and help given to residents of the Parish.

Resolved: That a donation of £50 be made. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Carter) All in favour

120.3 The Villager £123 and up to £400 for financial year 2015/16

Work of the editorial team noted. Comment made over the quality of the paper and colour printing costs.

Resolved: That payment of £123 be made to cover current losses. Also that the Parish Council agree to underwrite the production of the magazine during 2014/15 to a maximum of £400.

(Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Williamson) All in favour

121 .Budgets

121.1 To review the budgets for 2014/15

Cllr Neish advised members that the budget as produced was based on the decisions of the relevant committee budgets and the Clerks knowledge of anticipated spend between November on the end of March 2015.

He reminded Council that the precept figure for 2014/15 was £98910, Band D £102.50 which was a reduction on the previous year.

Cllr Fountain considered that the reserves held were too high.

Cllr Border pointed out that tree work covered several budget lines and that it would be helpful if they could be considered as a whole not in isolation.

Cllr Fountain felt there was no need to hold allocated reserves for the village hall extension as no more work was planned. Clerk pointed out that the figure did include retention money from storage extension project.

121.2 To set the budgets for 2015/16

Following from the discussion on the 2014/15 budget Cllr Neish asked Council to decide if they accepted the budget as presented i.e. £107469 an increase of 8.3%.

Cllr Pearce considered an increase of 2-2.5% was more acceptable.

Cllr Fisher considered savings could be made by reducing allocation for office move and village hall insurance.

It was agreed that an increase of 2% should be aimed for. Clerk advised this would mean reducing the budget as presented by £6581.

Resolved: That: - £2000 be taken from village hall extension allocated reserves.

All in favour

£2000 not be taken forward to allocated reserves for CCC/HDC devolved function.

All in favour

£1000 not be taken forward to allocated reserves for tree survey work.

All in favour

Village hall insurance £1431 not to be paid by Parish Council but VHT advised that they will need to pay for 2014/15.

7 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention

Total reduction in budget of £6431.

122. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2015/16

Resolved: That a precept of £101038 be set for 2015/16. All in favour

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE