

MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2011 7.15 p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllr Denis Payne (Chair) (in part), Brian Ing, Hooda Abdullah, Neil Davies (in part),
Pene Nudds, Geoff Payne
Clerk: Angela Young

Pages: 2

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

F10/28 Cllr D Payne (will be late), HPCllr Max Parish

All agreed Cllr Ing to take chair in absence of Chairman

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

F10/29 None

APPROVE MINUTES OF 16th NOVEMBER 2010

F10/30 All agreed to sign as correct record

MATTERS ARISING

F10/31 Deferred to next meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

F10/32 Quarterly Finance Report (Appx1)

Members noted percentage of budget spent against that allowed for April – December. Discussion on Environment Committee spend to date. Cllr Nudds advised unspent Crossing Keepers Hut budget would be carried forward to 2011-12. It was estimated some £2000 other underspend would apply across the Committee spend, with some viring from individual headings to Tree Works expected. Members noted the excellent contribution of voluntary Enviro.volunteers towards this saving. All tree works highlighted in Coppice survey due to be carried out 2010-11. Report accepted.

Cllr D W Payne arrived during item 32 and took over the Chair

Cllr Davies left meeting during item 33

TO SET RECOMMENDED PRECEPT REQUEST FOR FULL COUNCIL 17 January 2011

F10/33 (Appx2)

Proposed figures showed suggested Precept of £124,000. After close inspection and discussion, noted / agreed:

Expenditure:

- Impington PC to fund 15 hours of **administrative assistance** for 2011-12. Employment Group to look at any new contract and report back to Parish Council
- **Environment Committee** levels discussed. Chairman of Environment Committee Cllr Nudds confirmed levels were realistic
- **Special Projects and Joint Funding** – Noted allowances for Mobile Warden (Age Concern); Day Centre and Older Persons forum co-ordinator (Cllr Payne declared a personal interest in that he currently sat on the group looking at Older Persons). Noting that under current proposals the Parish Council jointly would be asked to pay 70% of funding for any co-ordinator, without direct control. Budget agreed pending Full Council discussion on request
- **Youth** – Cllr Abdullah detailed proposed budgets. Noted capital fund held of £5250
- **Parish Plan** – it was felt £250 was a low figure but agreed it would be possible to use Community Facilities specific reserves if necessary

Income:

- Cambs County Council **grass cutting grant** not guaranteed – remove £1500 from expected income 2011-12
- **Sec 106 income**. Noted further £43,730 due in from Merrington Place, not yet allocated, plus up to £9,039 if all developments granted progresses. This funding

should be allocated to appropriate scheme where possible or new schemes developed with a 10 year framework of receipt; Noted outcomes of Community Infrastructure Level or New Homes Bonus Consultation unknown; Parish Council needs to hold early discussion (say July 2011) on identifying how to utilise expected funds (Medium term financial strategy required)

- Concerns voiced over an **inbuilt deficit** shown and how to fund on an on-going basis

Feedback from residents via HICourier on precept levels reported, showing equal support to curtailing expenditure on failing services and increasing expenditure to cover lost services locally. Committee recommend holding current Band D Payment >3% increase in 2011-12. Request for £17,500 for **Community Facilities** specified reserve reduced to £6000 noting Histon Parish Council had not been able to add to their own reserved fund. £2000 for report purposes (as agreed) to come from this reserve.

A Precept Request of £112,500 would leave general reserves at £39,265, approximately 35% of precept income

All agreed to recommend £112,500 Precept Request from South Cambs District Council to Full Council 17 January 2011

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m

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