

MINUTES - HISTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING SATURDAY 8th JANUARY 2010
9.15a.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllr Max Parish (Chair), Neil Davies, David Thurman, Robert Plumbly
IPCllr: Denis Payne
Young

Clerk: Angela

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

F10/30 Cllr Emmines. Cllr Jones was absent

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

F10/31 Disclosure of interest – None

TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 25 OCTOBER 2010

F10/32 **Approve.** Proposed Cllr Thurman, seconded Cllr Plumbly all in favour

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

F10/33 Deferred to next meeting

REPORTS

F10/34 Accept Reports – Quarterly report to be presented at Full Council February 2011

RECOMMENDED PRECEPT REQUEST

- F10/35 Feedback from residents on precept levels reported, showing equal support to curtailing expenditure on failing services and increasing expenditure to cover lost services locally. Noted Precept requirement 10-11 set at £144,200
Preparatory figures provided to all showing precept request of £250,000 for 2011-12. Chairman suspended standing orders but reminded all present that details for items covering employment and purchase of new assets were confidential.
Committee took each budget heading in turn and noted/ agreed:
- Recreation Ground item would be reported separately to Full Council, including loans for freehold, development and completion
 - Admin figure would include provision of pension. Community benefit of increased staff levels discussed
 - Council should be asked to consider whether Full Council meetings ought to be held at Recreation Centre at no cost, noting possible impact on regular lettings
 - Full Council to consider possible expenses fund for print costs
 - Election costs for merger likely to be 2012-13 when parish elections due in any case
 - Noted proposed £2,500 for Older Persons co-ordinator shown as a budget not to be included in precept request, to be taken from reserves if agreed
 - Environment Committee. Frustration shown on need for a strategic discussion on future planning for open space, with management to be key part. It was felt radical changes may be required with suggestions of an estate manager role and working with neighbouring parishes to buy in services jointly. Chairman agreed to report on proposals to full Council and need for a plan to be put together for debate
 - The need to strategically plan how any new open space land acquisition would be managed. Needs for fencing/ boundary markings/maintenance costs to be discussed. Noted S106 funds expected by both Parish Councils and available for expenditure on open space (Impington £100k, Histon £32k)
 - £2,000 already agreed for spend on Community facilities to be taken from reserves if spent
 - Due to feedback received, it was felt percentage increase should be kept to minimum possible under circumstances

Noted £27k taken from reserves 2010-11 to cover asset renovation costs: plans for acquiring additional open space cover under-provision

Agreed to recommend precept request at £160,000 for 2011-12

F10/36 Date of next meeting

28th March 2011

Meeting closed 12 noon

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