

**HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE**

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 8 January 2014

Present: Cllrs Mrs Bright, D Carey, N Collins, Mrs Massy, F Shaw, Mrs Shaw

In Attendance: Melanie Stepkowski (Parish Clerk)

		Action
FGP489	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Richardson (business), Hammond (holiday), K Terry (personal). Cllr Richardson had asked Cllr Collins to Chair the meeting in his absence.	
FGP490	Declarations of Interest None.	
FGP491	Minutes of the Meeting of 4 December 2013 These were approved as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Mrs Bright and carried unanimously.	
FGP492	Matters Arising FGP482 – HOS Windows. Quotes were awaited and due end of month, this included quotations for two windows at the medical centre for information purposes only.	LB
FGP493	December Accounts 2013 Accounts (Receipts, Payments, Bank Reconciliation,) Members reviewed the monthly accounts ; The Chair confirmed that the £85k comes off short term deposit on 13January 2014 and the Clerk would provide members with details of other short term high interest deposit products on offer for Council consideration. Recommend to Council approval of December Accounts. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Carey and carried unanimously.	Clerk
FGP494	Actual against Budget – 3rd Quarter Accounts A variance report had been included with the third quarter accounts and members were satisfied that finances were in line. Recommend to Council approval of Third Quarter Accounts. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Mrs Massy and carried unanimously.	
FGP495	Budgets 2014-15 & Reserves The budget was reviewed once again and approved in principle however the Clerk was to increase the figure for ‘ Chairman’s Allowance’ by £50 to read £400.00 and reduce ‘General	

	<p>Refurbishments' by £50 to read £2553.00 in line with previous decision. The budget allowed for a 2.5% increase in precept; this would increase the weekly Band D charge by 1penny.</p> <p>Recommend to Council acceptance of the 2014-15 Budget with a required Precept of £75639.00. Proposed Cllr Mrs Shaw, seconded Cllr Mrs Bright and carried unanimously.</p>	
FGP496	<p>Review Marketing and Promotion of Council facilities and amenities</p> <p>The Clerk provided an overview of both hall bookings and allotments. Current marketing and promotion through the Parish Website and local news letters was productive and it was agreed no additional marketing or promotion was required at present.</p>	
FGP497	<p>Cemetery Extension</p> <p>This was progressing and all parties being kept updated.</p>	
FGP498	<p>Any Other Business & Questions From Members</p> <p>Shrubs & Borders – Cllr Carey noted that some of the borders required additional planting, members agreed this work should be done in March using the funds within the current budget that were allocated to Shrubs and Borders.</p> <p>Village Hall Lease – This was progressing and a meeting between Pengelly & Ryland Solicitors, several members of the Parish Council and Cllr Shaw (with his Village Hall Chair hat on) had been arranged for Thursday 23 January.</p> <p>Golden Green Village Hall – Retirement of Mr & Mrs Nobes: It was agreed to recommend to Council that £100.00 be donated to the Golden Green Association as a contribution towards a retirement gift for Mr & Mrs Nobes for their long term services to the community.</p> <p>Village Hall - Cllr Shaw with his Village Hall Chairman hat on informed the Committee of works being carried out during January at the Village Hall. These included protective sheets on the back windows and new flashings to the roof.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10 hrs Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 19.30, Old School Hall.</p> <p>Signed Date.....</p>	