

Birchanger Parish Council Finance Meeting

Held on Tuesday 20th January 2015

At 8.00 pm in Birchanger Village Hall

Present:

A Driscoll, Chair (AD)

M Davy (MD)

E Godwin (EG)

M Zych (MZ)

A Stewart (AS)

Michelle Mayz (MM)

Sandy Dowle (SD)

Linda Pocklington (LP)

1 Welcome

AD welcomed the councillors and after wishing them a happy New Year, MZ then chaired the meeting.

2 Apologies and reasons for absence

An apology was received from Ken Wheatley who was delayed at work.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting, as proposed by AD and seconded by EG, and agreed unanimously. MZ subsequently signed the minutes.

4 Budget & Precept Proposals for 2015/2016

MZ had previously circulated a copy of his precept proposal. MZ referred to certain costs which it is expected will be higher than the current year, such as insurance premiums and training, but that this is balanced by reductions in expected expenditure on clerk's salary, pension contributions and telephone/internet costs.

Having taken into account budgeted expenditure MZ proposed that the precept for 2015/2016 be set at £20568, a reduction of 5.4% on the previous year. Anticipated actual expenditure for 2015/2016 is £22807. If this is the case then there should be a small surplus. However this assumes that there will be no unforeseen purchases.

MZ recommended the adoption of the proposed precept. Adoption of the precept was proposed by MD and seconded by AD, and was agreed unanimously.

MZ also recommended that in future accounts should be presented quarterly.

There being no further matters the meeting was declared closed at 8.22pm.