



LINDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

**Finance Meeting held on 10th December 2013
At 7.30pm at Lindford Village Hall**

Present

Cllr Emma Blackwell (Chair of Finance)
Cllr Ian Skelton-Smith
Cllr Matt Evans
Cllr Derek Barr
Annette Gould (Clerk)

Although there was no public discussion item scheduled the Chair indicated that should any members of the public have questions they could put these to the Committee at each item

F1/13 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Simon Banks Van Zyl

F2/13 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

F3/13 Proposals for Parish Council Budget for 2014/15

All Councillors had received the detailed spread sheet for the budget.

Following discussion of the budget figures it was agreed to amend the Councillors Expenses item to £750. This was considered necessary as it was likely there would be additional costs associated with extra training.

It was noted that the phone bill costs were likely to decrease considerably with the change of provider.

Following discussion of the recent quotation for garden work it was agreed to increase the suggested budget figure by £500 to £1500. It was agreed to reduce the contingency sum by £750 to allow for these additional costs.

It was agreed that the proposal for a precept of £42,000 would be put to the Parish Council meeting on 6th January 2014.

F4/13 Proposals for Village Hall Budget for 2014/15

It was noted that £5000 had been allocated for the refurbishment of the hall and committee room. This could include a dado rail and redecoration of the committee room, remedial work to the floor in

the main hall and the possible installation of an overhead projector in the committee room.

The budget for the Village Hall was agreed and the proposal would be submitted to the Parish Council meeting on 6th January.

F5/13 Allocated reserves

It was agreed that the open space maintenance budget should be increased to £2500 but that it was not necessary to increase the play equipment budget. It was also agreed that the method of increasing the allocated reserves as agreed at the Finance Committee meeting of 26th January 2010 would no longer apply. The Finance Committee would look at the need for increasing allocated reserves on an annual basis.

The meeting closed at 7.59pm

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Date