



Present: Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr J Dadge
Cllr C Fuller

Cllr M Sleet *Chairman*
Cllr M Spinks
Cllr L Steen

In attendance: One member of the public

1612/14 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr R Chiva, Cllr R Lord and Cllr B Spriggs.

1613/14 Declaration of Interest

None

1614/14 Finance 2013 - 2014

The Clerk presented the accounts as at the 10 January 2014.

He said that Wages covers the costs for Mrs Baxter, Mr Bloodworth and the Clerk. Any expenses they claim are included in the item for Expenses and goods purchased for use by the Handyman are included in Village Maintenance.

Grass Cutting costs are lower than the amount included in the Budget as the new tenders came in at a lower value.

There will be no further PWLB payments, as the last payment has now been made for the loan.

Based on the recent letter received from Peterborough City Council the item for contributing towards the Residents costs of the closure of the footpath at the rear of Clare Road has been reduced to zero.

The amount for the Car Park Extension relates to the payment of the retention monies held under the terms of the contract.

Cemetery fees are higher following the introduction of the revised fees during the year.

1615/14 Precept 2014 - 2015

The Clerk presented a draft Budget for use in determining the amount to be set for the Precept.

The item for Wages includes for the amounts paid to Mrs Baxter and Mr Bloodworth to be adjusted in line with possible changes in the value of the Minimum Wage.

It is intended to revise the website and to make some changes in its administration during the year.

A discussion took place on the item for the contribution towards the cost of the closure of the footpath to the rear of Clare Road. Peterborough City Council has closed the matter unless the Parish Council can demonstrate complete agreement to the closure by all Parties affected.

The Parish Council has agreed during the year to attempt to reconcile the differences to allow the closure to proceed.

It was agreed to reinstate the item in anticipation of a successful outcome but to spread the amount over the years 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016.

It is intended to re-identify items and to carry the works as part of the Village Enhancement and to include £1,500 in the Budget.

The above changes increases the total for Expenditure to £31,400 requiring a Precept of £26,000. This would represent an increase of 13% compared to the amount set for 2013 – 2014 or an average of some £6.00 per household for the year. The exact amount would be variable depending upon the Band in which a property is allocated.

Peterborough City Council is changing its formula for what it includes in the rate demand. This may show a different percentage increase when received by residents.

It was agreed to set a Precept of £26,000 for the year 2014 – 2015.

1616/14 Planning

A letter has been received stating that the Appeal Against Enforcement Notice at the Stables, Paradise Lane will be heard by the Informal Hearing procedure on Tuesday 4 February 2014.

It was agreed that Cllr Dadge and the Clerk would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllrs Sleet and Steen said that if they were available they would also attend.

1617/14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 February 2014 at 7.00 pm in Northborough School.

Signed..... Date.....