

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st February 2012 in Eastington Methodist Church

1. In attendance were Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Bullock, Simmons, Souster; Mary Gribble (Clerk); Robert Powell (RFO). There were no members of the public present. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Cozens, Edwards, Hill, Greenaway and Stephens.
2. The draft budget prepared by RFO (copy attached to the signed copy of these Minutes) was discussed:
 - i. It was noted that 85% of the expenditure for 2011-12 was not discretionary.
 - ii. It is anticipated that there will be in the order of £25,000 in reserves at the beginning of the 2012-13 financial year.
 - iii. The high level of expenditure on grass cutting was discussed. It was suggested that in future years the users of the OHMG sports pitches could be asked to contribute to the costs of maintaining the pitches. This suggestion to be debated at a future meeting.
 - iv. The signed accounts for 2010-11 were not to hand, RFO agreed to bring them to the next meeting.
 - v. It was noted that the work already commissioned at the allotments (repairs to fencing and new gate) might possibly be undertaken in the 2012-13 financial year.
 - vi. Chair proposed that Clerk's hours be increased by 5 hours per week. Carried unanimously.
 - vii. The following amendments to the draft budget were tabled:
 - Increase provision for Clerk's pension by £50
 - Allow £1000 for election expenses
 - Reduce audit/legal fees to £1200
 - Allocation for footpaths and kissing gates to be £500
 - Add £1000 for dog bin provisionThese amendments were proposed by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Souster and carried unanimously.

Any other business for the next meeting: None

Chair thanked RFO for his work in the preparation of the draft budget.

The meeting closed at 8:15

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th March 2012. Anybody with an item they wish to bring to the attention of the Council, should forward details, in writing, to the Clerk to the Parish Council, no later than Wednesday 7th March 2012.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date