

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2016 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors A. Barwick A Wiles M Pemble P Bailey
Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Jones & N Kenton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Pemble declared a prejudicial interest in item 3. (b) as she is an allotment holder.

Cllr Bailey declared a prejudicial interest in item 3. (b) as she is an allotment holder.

3. FEES & CHARGES

To review fees and charges for 2016/17

a) Churchyard Fees

RESOLVED the Churchyard Fees should be increased see Appendix A.

Cllrs Pemble and Bailey declared a prejudicial interest and withdrew from the discussion.

b) Allotment Charges increased by 20p in from 1st Oct 2013 to £2.20 per rod. £2 per plot administration charge added in Oct 2014.

As there were only two members of the Committee left it was not possible to continue with this item as the committee was not quorate. This item to be considered by full council at its next meeting.

4. BUDGET FOR 2016/17

To discuss and agree the budget & precept for 2016/17 for recommendation to full Council.

a) **Receipts and Payments to date & Predicted outturn for 2015/16**

The Clerk went through the document explaining the details and her reasoning behind the figures. See appendix B.

b) **Budget for 2016/17**

The Clerk had produced a draft budget for 2016/17. This was discussed in detail and agreed by the members.

RESOLVED the budget be recommended for adoption by the full Council all agreed. See Appendix B.

c) **Precept for 2016/17**

2015/16 Precept was £46,902 + £2,270 (grant for offset changes to housing benefit payments)
Total resources £49,172 the grant has been reduced to £1,584 for 2016/17.

RESOLVED a Precept of £47,947 be recommended to Council, this added to the Revenue Support grant would give a total resource of £49,532. An increase in Council tax of 1.99% or £1.24 pa for a Band C property.

5. ANNUAL RISK ASSESMENT

The Clerk had produced a Risk Assessment document, this was discussed and some minor changes and additions agreed.

RESOLVED the risk assessment document should be adopted by the Council for the following year. See Appendix C.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm