

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm**

**Present: Councillors**      A. Barwick              A Wiles              M Pemble              P Bailey  
   N Kenton (Chair)      L Bevan-Powell

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

Absent Cllr Wickham

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Bailey and Pemble declared a significant other interest in item 3(a) as allotment holders.

**3. FEES & CHARGES**

To review fees and charges for 2015/16

**a) Churchyard Fees**

RESOLVED the fees stay at the current rate for the following year.

**b) Allotment Holders**

RESOLVED the fees stay at the current rate for the following year. It was agreed that a copy of the allotment income and payments should be sent to the allotment committee for information and they should be asked to make recommendations about allotment rents in the future.

**4. BUDGET FOR 2015/16**

**a) Receipts and Payments to date & Predicted outturn for 2014/15**

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

**b) Budget for 2015/16**

The Clerk had produced a draft budget for 2015/16. 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 A.

**c) Precept for 2015/16**

The Revenue Support Grant has been reduced by a third to £2270 since last year . The government has still to make known its intentions on precept capping of Parish Councils and referendum principles should precepts be capped.

RESOLVED a Precept of £46,910 be recommended to Council, this added to the Revenue Support grant would give a total resource of £49,180. A reduction in actual funds of £69 on last year, however an increase in Council tax of 1.99% or £1.22 pa for a Band D property.

**5. ANUAL RISK ASSESMENT**

**a) Financial Risk**

The Clerk circulated the new model finance regulation to all present, it was agreed these should be read by the members and discussed in detail at a future meeting. **Councilors & Sarah Wells**

**b) Other Risks**

The Clerk to prepare a list of other risks and confer with Cllr Wickham to make an assessment of those risks. **Action Sarah Wells**

The meeting closed at 8.12pm