

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm**

**Present: Councillors**      A. Barwick    A Wiles      M Pemble    J Gardiner  
   N Kenton

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

None received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kenton declared a Significant Other Interest in the Grant Application from Eastry Cricket Club as he is a member of the club.

**3. FEES & CHARGES**

To review fees and charges for 2014/15

**a) Churchyard Fees**

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

**b) Other Fees**

The Clerk reported that the rent collected from the small plots no longer covers the administration cost incurred in letting the plot and collecting the rent.

RESOLVED possible changes to allotment fees scales should be discussed with the Allotment Management Committee. The Clerk to contact the Committee. **Action Sarah Wells**

**4. BUDGET FOR 2014/15**

**a) Receipts and Payments to date & Predicted outturn for 2013/14**

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

RESOLVED the £20,000 put aside for the Chapel/New Parish Room should be transferred to the capital account and invested, the Clerk to investigate possible deposit accounts. See Appendix A

**Action Sarah Wells**

**b) Budget for 2014/15**

The Clerk had produced a draft budget for 2014/15. 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 2014/15**

The Revenue Support Grant has been reduced by 50% since last year and the indications are that it will cease in 2015/16. 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 £45,891 be recommended to Council, this added to the Revenue Support grant would give a total resource of £49,249. A reduction in actual funds of £2,476 on last year, however an increase in Council tax of 2% or £1.20 pa for a Band D property.

**5. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATION**

To consider grant applications from Village organizations.

Applications

**a) Eastry Cricket Club                    £350.00                    Replacement of Pavilion Windows and Doors**  
Cllr Kenton withdrew from the meeting whilst this application was discussed.

RESOLVED £350 is granted to Eastry Cricket Club as a contribution towards Replacement of Pavilion Windows and Doors

**b) Eastry PCC    £500.00                    (section 137)**

RESOLVED £500 is granted to Eastry PCC as a contribution towards Church Organ Refurbishment.

**c) WW1 Commemoration Committees £500    Start up Grant**

RESOLVED £500 is granted to WW1 Commemoration Committees as a start up Grant.

The meeting closed at 20.05pm.