

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE PARISH
ROOM AT 7.15pm**

Present: Councillors Sam Shevde Andrew Barwick Sandra Hooper
 Martin Kemp Nick Kenton Ann Wiles

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Hooper that Cllr Kenton should be elected as Chairman, all agreed. There being no other nominations this was put to the vote, all agreed.

As the Committee had lost a member with the resignation of Cllr Carr, it was agreed that Cllr Wiles should join the committee.

A slight change to the order of some agenda items was agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Margaret Pemble

3. FEES & CHARGES

To review fees and charges for 2008/09.

- a) Churchyard Fees
- b) Other Fees

The fees and charges were reviewed and some changes agreed, see Appendix A & B

4. GROUND WORK TENDERS

Three tenders for ground works in 2008 had been received, these were discussed. It was agreed that the current contractor should be retained.

5. BUDGET FOR 2008/09

- a) Receipts and Payments to date & Predicted outturn for 2007/08

The Clerk went through this document explaining the details and her reasoning behind the figures. The predicted outturn was agreed by the members. See Appendix C

- b) Budget for 2008/09

The Clerk had produced a draft budget for 2008/09. This was discussed in detail and some changes made, the final draft was agreed by the members. It was proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Hooper that the budget be recommended for adoption by the full Council all agreed. See Appendix D.

- c) Precept for 2008/09

Based on the draft budget it was proposed that it be recommended to full Council that a Precept of £43581 be raised. This would be a 3% increase on last year.

The Clerk left the room.

6. CLERKS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- a) New Salary Scale – Currently at SCP 23

It was agreed that the new salary scale for SCP 23 agreed by SLCC should be adopted by the Council, payment to be back dated to 1st April 2007.

- b) Office Allowance – Currently £20 a month
- c) Hours Paid – Currently 74 a month

After some discussion it was proposed by Shevde and seconded by Cllr Wiles that the Clerks Salary and office allowance should be increased, the total increase to amount to £578 a year, the exact details to be decided after discussion with the Clerk.

The Clerk returned to the room.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.