

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 6.30pm**

<b>Present Councillors:</b>	Sam Shevde	David Carr	Ann Wiles
	Andrew Barwick	Iris Mollart	Nick Kenton

**1) APOLOGIES**

Cllr Sandra Hooper

**2) BUDGET**

**a) 2006/07 Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006**

The committee discussed the expenditure for the first six months of the year. It was agreed that the figures should be adopted by the Committee. See appendix A

**b) 2006/07 Predicted Outturn**

The Clerk and Councillor responsible for Finance had produced a document showing the predicted outturn for 2006/07. This was discussed, it was agreed that some additional payments should be added. The Council to purchase a new computer, and install a handrail outside the Parish Room. With these changes it was predicted that the Council would carry forward £6300 from its Current account.

**c) 2007/08 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Budget**

The Clerk and Councillor responsible for Finance had produced a draft budget for 2007/08. The members went through the budget line by line. It was agreed that money should be put aside for Cemetery memorial safety and for possible work to the football pitch in addition to the areas identified in the draft budget. It was agreed that the Council would budget £1400 for a possible election as per the figures sent out by DDC. The Clerk made the changes outline above to the draft budget. See Appendix C.

The Precept was discussed. It was agreed that in future the Council should strive to increase the precept by no more than the cost of living plus 1 or 2%. It was proposed by Cllr Kenton and seconded by Cllr Carr that this should be recommended to full Council.

Ground works quotes – The Clerk had received two quotes for Ground works in 2007. After some discussion it was agreed that the quote from Stripy Landscapes should be accepted.

After consideration it was agreed the Committee would recommend to full Council a Precept of £42312 for 2007/08, this would represent a 3.2% increase on last year.

The meeting Closed at 7.29pm.