

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 December 2010

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Bill Pickford

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Michael Prout

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Diana Ruff

Cllr Carole Nelson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

204/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Margaret Parker

205/2010 Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest.

206/2010 The Budget for 2011/12

After a general discussion about the likely income and expenditure figures for the next financial year in comparison to the current year budget figures, it was agreed that any pressures on budgets needed to be absorbed so that there would be no increase in the precept for 2011/12 which would remain at £137,959.

Members also agreed that lettings fees should, as a rule, go up by 2% to take account of the increases in the energy and other service costs of the indoor facilities and the expected increase in maintenance charges for outdoor facilities. The only exceptions to this were a significant increase in the fees for the bowling green (discussions with the Bowling Club were in progress) and for contract rents together with a stand-alone figure for grant income and the category of other income while the budget for bank interest was halved. The resulting total recurrent income budget for 2011/12 was £173,668 against a figure of £171,000 for the current year.

In determining expenditure budgets for the following year, efforts were made to keep to existing budgets wherever possible although energy budgets were increased by 10% and staffing by 1.5% with a variety of small increases (generally 3%) on a number of service provision budgets. The single major change was the additional budget of £4,000 to cover for the costs of an election. The resulting total recurrent expenditure budget for 2011/12 was £173,366 against a figure of £170,567 for the current year.

The resulting overall budgeted position for 2011/12 was a marginal surplus of £302 of income over expenditure.

Members then considered the capital reserves for 2011/12 and agreed that £85,000 should be retained in the capital reserve with £78,000 allocated to Youth and Community Ventures, £5,000 to the Adlington project and £2,000 for protective netting at the cricket ground. This left a projected £39,000 for the general reserve, although this would be adjusted to take account of any surplus or deficit on the recurrent budgets at the end of the current year.

Members agreed all of the budgets, including the precept figure and the capital reserves.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs District Council of the decision on the precept for 2011/12, increases the schedule of lettings fees and works to the agreed expenditure budgets in the forthcoming year.

207/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 5 January.

The Chairwoman wished Members well for Christmas and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.