MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WOULDHAM

Present: Cllr R Stone (Chairman)

Clirs D Adams, T Fulwell, J Head and K Savage

Mrs S Egglesden (Clerk)

		ACTION	
1	APOLOGIES		
	Apologies were received from Cllrs Aspinall, Gore and Parnell.		
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
	Cllr Head declared an interest in grounds maintenance and the allotments.		
3.	PRECEPT: The precept comparison and proposal spreadsheet had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting with additional support documents.		
	The Chairman went through each item on the proposed precept list – attached as appendix A.		
	Council Administration: Clerks salary - due to a regular increase in overtime over the last year it was proposed by Cllr Savage to increase the clerks hours from 18 hours per week to 20 hours per week. Cllr Fulwell seconded this and all Councillors agreed to this. Agreed: Clerk to draw up a new contract effective from 1/4/15. Training Budget - discussion took place on courses available from KALC for councillors to attend, in particular a planning course which is available and councillors agreed to the inclusion of the increased training budget. All councillors agreed to the proposed council administration budget figures.	Clerk	
	Allotments: - All Councillors agreed to the proposed budget figure. Councillors discussed not increasing the allotment rental income for this year as the Parish Council had not received an increase in its rental for the allotments. Agreed: All Councillors agreed to this, (with the exception of Cllr Head who did not vote). Agreed: clerk to write to the Allotment Association to inform them that there will not be an increase this year but if excessive water is used this will have to be taken into account for next year.	Clerk	
	Gratuities: - All Councillors agreed to the proposed budget figure.		
	Street Lighting: - All Councillors agreed to the proposed budget figure. Agreed: clerk to note any lights that had recent repairs which would carry a warranty for the work.	Clerk	
	Recreation Ground/Open Spaces: - All Councillors agreed to the proposed increase in the figure. The extra budget is towards any work to the side gate on the recreation ground and road stone for the car park.		
	Cemeteries: - All Councillors agreed to the proposed budget figure.		
	Donations : - All Councillors agreed to the proposed budget figure. This would allow for a donation to Wouldham school for its 150 year celebration in June. The		

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council had not received a donation request from VOV for the PCSO this year. It	
was agreed that if a late request was received, Councillors would consider paying an amount from its reserve funds.	
Special Projects - All Councillors agreed to the proposed budget figure. This extra budget was set aside to help towards a new village sign and a new seesaw with additional grant funding to be sourced.	
Cllr Fulwell proposed that the council agree to the proposed budget figures. The Chairman seconded this and all Councillors agreed to the budget for 2015/16 as follows:-	
Total Gross Expenditure £33,721 Minus Section 136, TMBC tax support & income £6340 Total Precept requirement £27,381	
This would increase the precept for band D from £56.27 to £56.39. All Councillors agreed to the precept for 2015/2016 and it was agreed that the Clerk would therefore submit the precept figures to TMBC by 27 January 2015.	Clerk
4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.	