

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL WOULDHAM**

Present: Cllr Head, Cllr Parris, Cllr Fulwell, Cllr Goode, Cllr Marr, Cllr Adams, Cllr Jukes Clerk Nicky Grimes

1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Fitzwater	
2.	<b>Declarations on interest.</b> To be declared during the meeting	
3.	<p><b>PRECEPT:</b></p> <p>Councillors are advised that TMBC will be reducing their payments to Wouldham this year by £5408, this includes a figure for a grant to the church to maintain the cemetery, therefore the WPC precept will rise and the TMBC tax will fall although currently we do not know by how much.</p> <p>Go through each item on the proposed precept list.</p> <p><b>Council administration:</b> Salaries to be discussed at the end of the Agenda. <b>Clerks Expenses.</b> Council agreed to raise by 20%. Clerk thinks these will go down this year once there is a Council bank card which can be used for payments. <b>Chairman’s Expenses.</b> Council agree to remain the same as last year as per the proposed budget. <b>Audit Fee.</b> Last years figures set were more than required. Council agree new proposed budget 50 % lower than last year. <b>Legal/banking/elections.</b> Council agree to proposed budget. <b>Stationary supplies.</b> Council agree to proposed budget, a rise of 25% on last year. <b>Subscriptions/course fees.</b> Council agree to proposed budget. Insurances. Council agree to proposed budget. <b>Contribution to Parish Magazine.</b> It was discussed that more copies would have to be printed for Peters Village, Council agree same figure as last year. <b>Allotments.</b> Discussion on charging the allotment holders for their water but consensus was that it is the Parish Councils responsibility to pay for the water. There was a vote proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Fulwell to increase the rent by 10% as there has not been a rise for many years, clerk to write to the association. <b>Street Lighting.</b> The cost of the electricity for PC’s own lights remains the same as last year but a figure was agreed to cover conversion of PC’s own street lights. Clerk to check with Richard Emmett about the cost of materials to convert own lights. <b>Recreation Ground.</b> The Council have agreed to the quotes from Headland for the new areas of grass cutting. Have agreed to the proposed budget. <b>Donations.</b> All agree to proposed budget reduced by 25% from last year. Clerk to look into grants to tarmac car park. <b>Special projects.</b> There was a discussion on last years special projects and next years, all agree to the proposed budget. Clerk to write to Maths School charity to maintain interest in land at the bottom of the Tramway.</p>	

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	<p><b>Clerks Salary.</b> Discussion on courses Clerk has taken this year, there was a vote proposed by Cllr Parris and seconded by Cllr Goode. All agree to raise salary to SCP 22</p> <p><b>Litter Warden Wages.</b> There was a vote proposed by Cllr Fulwell and seconded by Cllr Jukes. All agree to raise wages to new Government living wage.</p> <p>All Councillors agreed to the budget for 2017/18 as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="279 515 1021 627"> <tr> <td>Total Gross Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£34606</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minus payments expected</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2452</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total precept requirement</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£32154</td> </tr> </table> <p>This would increase the precept for band D from £59.07 to £66.03. Councillors agree to the precept for 2017/18 and it was agreed that the Clerk would therefore submit the precept figures to TMBC by January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.</p>	Total Gross Expenditure	£34606	Minus payments expected	£2452	Total precept requirement	£32154	
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	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9pm</p>							