

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013

MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Green (Chairman), Balcombe, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Tiller, Winnett, Wright

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Ambrose, Base, Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Ms Hurley

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1. **Apologies** - Noted.
2. **Donation requests** – No requests to this meeting
3. **Hall Grants** – No requests to this meeting.
4. **Micro Grants** – No requests to this meeting.
5. **KCC debt 2012-13**

Unpaid KCC fee 2012/13 for St Peters Primary School use of Forstal Road recreation ground. Payment still outstanding.

6. **Financial Comparison/Allocations Summary/Latest Income Report – to date.**

Distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix A** to the bound copy of these minutes.

Query on 103/2 – Office running costs overspend – Thought to be due to boiler repairs. Clerk to confirm and report back. **Clerk**

7. **Matters arising from P&R 1 October, Council meeting of 15 October 2013 and R&A 23 October 2013.**

P&R and Council – No matters arising.

R&A 23 October 2013 – Recommended expenditure as follows was noted and agreed.

Old Bridge Lighting – Expenditure of approximately £20,000

Play equipment repairs – Expenditure of approximately £11,500

Forstal Road Recreation Ground Repairs – Expenditure of approximately £3400

Eccles Recreation Ground Toddler Equipment – Expenditure of approximately £3185

Tunbury Recreation Ground Toddler Equipment – Expenditure of approximately £3185

Playscheme 2014 - £2430 plus £500.

8. Preliminary Budget for 2014/15

Proposal for Precept 2014/15 – It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Gledhill that there be no increase to the 2014/15 precept figure over the 2013/14 figure and therefore it remains at £181168. **AGREED**

Budget proposals based on the anticipated 0% increase in the precept were distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix B** to the bound copy of these minutes.

The following points were noted:

There will be slight adjustments to TMBC income now the official figures have been advised. There is a 0.8% reduction in funding relating to the basic allocation, cemetery and churchyard allocation and footway lighting allocation.

The Development Reserves & Refurbishment 2014-15 - 707 provision for the Ferryfield MUGA will be removed as this will now be spent this year. Temporary funding for the balance of the project which will eventually be paid back to the Parish Council from the S136 agreement re Bunyards Farm development, will also have to be vired from another budget.

Clerk is going to look at the Disaster Reserves and Development Reserves and Refurbishment Capital Expenditure budget figures to ascertain what the Council is realistically likely to ever spend on these projects and whether any of the funding should be reallocated.

The Clerk will be discussing with the Auditor her views on what reserves the Council should legitimately hold.

In response to a query from Cllr Elvy regarding reducing bank interest receipts due to the continuing low interest rates paid on the Council reserves and the likely reduction in the reserve figure due to intended increased spending, the Clerk

confirmed that the budget had taken these into account and reduced the anticipated interest receipt figure.

Cllr Elvy suggested that the Staffing Committee meet before the next FASC meeting to review salaries for 2014/15 in order to ensure a correct salary figure is included in the budget. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

9. Any Other Business

Flood Defences – Proposed Environment Agency Property Level Protection scheme. E mail received from the EA asking if the Parish Council had made any decision regarding contributing towards this scheme and whether it had received any feedback from the two public exhibitions. Regarding the exhibitions the Council has received no comments.

The Clerk is reviewing the original EA request, the further detailed information received on the proposals, the KALC advice re whether it is an appropriate use of Council funds and what S137 funding the Parish Council has available should it decide to contribute. Full report to be made to the next meeting. **Clerk**

10. Date of next meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013 – Noted.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 9.10pm.