



BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 9.00pm on 7th January 2013 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood.

Present:

Cllr T Baker (Chairman) Cllr P Beaney Cllr P Corfield
Cllr M Evans Cllr M O'Neill (Vice-Chairman) Cllr J West (6)

Gail Gosden– Parish Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Baker opened the meeting at 9.20pm

Apologies received: Cllr Forster

Councillors Declarations: Councillors had previously resolved and signed Dispensation Agreements declaring their personal & prejudicial interests with regard to setting the 2013/14 precept. (See minute No. 196.5)

Min No		Action
FGP 218	Staff Costs	
218.1	Clerks Pension – to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme the employer contribution rate would be 20.2% of gross payroll. This could be backdated to 1 April 2012. Employer contributions are subject to variation dependent on valuations of the fund. Employee contribution is currently 5.5% of payroll	
218.2	Remuneration – there has been no increase in Clerks rate of pay for two years. The Clerk withdrew from the meeting for this item. Councillors agreed that this item required further discussion at a Staff Committee meeting. Date to be agreed.	
FGP 219	Concurrent Function/Parish Service Scheme	
	MBC have now confirmed the demise of the Concurrent Functions Grant and the PSS will come into effect in April 2013. We have no confirmed figures as yet of the amount that this parish will receive but will only be entitled to limited financial support for the open spaces i.e. sports field and Broomfield Village Green. The loss of income from the withdrawal of the CF Grant will cost the Parish Council £10,000+ in real terms.	
FGP 220	Capping the Precept	
	Confirmation has been received that parish and town councils WILL NOT be capped for 2013/14 "although they may in future years"	
FGP 221	Precept - setting the 2013/14 budget	
	MBC have decided that due to the Localising of Tax Benefits and using last year's figures for example purposes this parish will suffer a loss of £1496.00 from our application should we	
	Signature _____	Chairman

	<p>apply for the same precept as last year. However funding from the government of £1,660.00 for 2013/14 means we would in actual fact achieve an addition of £164.00. The final precept application should not be inclusive of the government subsidy.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion by all Councillors, Councillor Beaney proposed that £46,200 is the precept application for 2013/14, seconded by Cllr Corfield and agreed by all. This increase will equate to an additional £1.80 per calendar month on a Band D property.</p> <p>This will be ratified at the next full council meeting.</p>	Clerk
FGP 222	<p>Funding salt bins</p> <p>Information received advises that should the PC fund additional salt bins they would thereafter be the responsibility of the Parish Council to fill them. The only way to get salt bins maintained by KCC is if they are funded via our KCC Member and therefore adopted by KCC. KCC Councillor Jenny Whittle has offered to fund additional salt bins from her budget for 2013/14 if she is re-elected. Councillors agreed to apply to Cllr Jenny Whittle for funding for additional salt bins in the next financial year.</p> <p>Cllr West advised that Winterwood Farm, Chartway Street had offered to store salt but would be unable to distribute it.</p>	Clerk
FGP 223	<p>Other Information</p> <p>There was no other information</p>	
	There was no further business; Cllr Baker closed the meeting at 10.45pm	

Signed _____ Chairman