

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY MILLENNIUM BUILDING
MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER, 2014 at 7.30pm

14.244 Present

Councillor Orchard (Chairman)

Councillors Buswell, Kuncewicz, Dixon, Hardman & Kenrick

Apologies

Councillor Nixon

In attendance

One member of the public

M Cartwright (Clerk)

14.245 Declaration of Interest and dispensations

Councillors Dixon & Kuncewicz declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application for the Baby & Toddlers group as they attend with their grand-daughters.

14.246 The Council monitored the budget for year 2014-15.

The new accounting software has enabled the Council to better understand and monitor the current year's budget.

IT WAS AGREED to split the streetlights code into separate codes for electricity and for and maintenance & repairs to assist in monitoring the budget in future.

The RFO advised that the level of general reserves may need to be increased.

14.247 The Council considered the value of Earmarked Reserves and whether to vire any funds

Following discussion, in order to make more funds available in general reserves, **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- (i) To vire £2500 from the cost code 9010 Earmarked Action Plan Reserve to a new Neighbourhood Plan Earmarked Reserve
- (ii) To vire £926 from cost code 9007 EMR Streetlights reserve to cost centre 4240 Streetlights
- (iii) To vire £1230 from cost code 9008 EMR Upgrade of Streetlights to cost centre 4241 Upgrade of Streetlights
- (iv) To vire £2000 from cost code 9012 EMR traffic calming and transfer to general reserves
- (v) To vire £453 from cost code 4110 Training to cost code 4155 Grants & donations

14.248 The Council considered Projects & items to be budgeted for year 2015-16:

RESOLVED: Boardwalk repairs to be included in the Budget

14.249 The Council considered Applications for grants for year 2013-14 from local organizations.

The total grant applications received amounts to £6600, which far exceeds the remaining allocated budget of £3847.

Following discussion, the Council considered that, to be fair to all applicants, all new grant applications should be awarded half of the amount requested. The final decision will be confirmed at the next meeting, but the provisional amounts of grants to be awarded are:
 Wolvey Brownies: £150

Wolvey Baby & Toddler group: £150
 Wolvey PTA: £1000
 Wolvey Playing Field Trust: £1775

In addition the sum of £600 to be awarded to Wolvey Playing Field Trust as a final payment of the 2012-13 grant application.

The following charitable Donations to be paid are:

Warwickshire Air Ambulance: £500
 Rugby Citizens Advice Bureau: £75
 Vitalise: £50

14.250 The Council considered the draft Budget for year 2015-16.

Amounts to be confirmed at the next meeting after the council tax base and any council support grant has been provided by Rugby Borough Council.

14.251 The Council considered a draft of the Precept for year 2015-16.

The final amount cannot be decided until after the council tax base and any council support grant has been provided by Rugby Borough Council.

Following discussion, the provisional total amount to be requested of precept and support grant combined is £38,000 (to be further considered and confirmed at the next meeting)

14.252 Finance

To consider payment of cheques (under GPC):

- (i) Cheque no 300156 R Buswell (Christmas refreshments): £30.00
- (ii) Cheque no 300157 C Nixon (Christmas refreshments): £90.00
- (iii) Cheque no 300158 Friezeland Trees (Christmas tree): £660.00
- (iv) Cheque no 300159 M Iliffe (electrician): £165.00
- (v) Cheque no 300160 ESPO (storage cupboard):£140.40

Proposed: Councillor Kuncewicz
 Seconded: Councillor Buswell

RESOLVED: to approve payments
 Cheques signed and stubs initialled

14.253 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting:

Large puddle on the Coventry Road outside Milethorn Farm

14.254 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting of the Council due to be held on **Monday 15th December** at 7.45pm in Wolvey Bowling Club

14.255 The Council considered exclusion of the public under Public Bodies (Amendment Act 1960, section 1) in view of confidential nature of business to be discussed:

- (i) Legal advice regarding boardwalk at the Wolvey Wetland Reserve

RESOLVED: to exclude the public.

14.256 The Council considered Legal advice received regarding the boardwalk at the Wolvey Wetland Reserve.

The solicitor provided a draft letter to Secure-a-Field, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: the letter was approved by the Council.

Clerk to ask for the letter to be signed by a qualified solicitor and to be sent to Secure-a-Field.

The Council AGREED to obtain an independent engineers report on the condition of the boardwalk and how it can be repaired.

12.257 The meeting was closed at 10.40pm