

Ruddington Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Special Finance and Policy Committee Meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

Councillors	N J Tegerdine	Chairman
	D J Hall	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs B Breakwell	
	Miss S A Chambers	
	P F McGowan	
	K S Piggott	
	Mrs B M Venes	
	W A Wood	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

Persons representing the Parish Council on other business are marked 'O'

Also in Attendance

Councillor	Mrs A Auckland
Councillor	Mrs S Kaur Samra
Councillor	M S McGowan
Councillor	Miss H Opie
Councillor	Mrs M Pell
G D Long	Clerk to the Council

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

F. 13/1183 Motion For Adjournment

Resolved that: The Committee adjourns to allow the members of the public present to make statements on agenda items.

Committee in Session

F. 13/1184 Development - New Applications:

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 690 are adopted.

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

F. 13/1185 Budget 2013/14

The Clerk reported that the Government's new arrangements for making Council Tax benefit local (the Council Tax Reduction Scheme) impact on the Parish Council's council tax base, reducing it. The result is that if Ruddington Parish Council (RPC) charged the same level of precept per Band D property for 2013/14 as it did in 2012/13 that would result in an estimated reduction of £25,856 in income.

For 2013/14 the Government have given Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) a Transitional Grant which is being passed on in full to the parish councils. This means for 2013/14 RPC will get a one off grant of £22,298. This leaves a net reduction for 2013/14 of £3,558.

For 2014/15 RBC will not get an earmarked Transition Grant (although the government say the extra funding will become part of the base grant). RBC have informed parish councils that they will review the situation regarding future support for parish councils for 2014/15 and beyond next year and have advised parishes to make sure their budgets are in balance.

District councils are required to hold a referendum for a Council Tax increase of 2% or more. Parish councils are not currently required to do so.

To fund the £25,856 shortfall long term RPC could

- (a) increase the level of precept by 9.97% (£9.95 a year for a Band D property)
- (b) find savings of £25,856,
- (c) increase income by £25,856
- (d) rely on RBC to continue to provide support beyond 2013/14, or
- (e) a combination of the above.

The Clerk reported that if the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme had not been introduced the result of budgets agreed by each committee would be a 1.64% decrease in the level of Council Tax.

Finance & Policy Committee Probable Out-Turn 2011/2012 Annual Budget 2012/2013 and Proposed Scale of Charges 2012/2013

Copies of the probable out-turn 2012/2013, proposed annual budget 2013/2014 and proposed scale of charges 2013/2014, together with a sheet showing the effect of a number of possible precepts on a Band D property, had previously been circulated to members

Members discussed the document and agreed the following recommendation:

Resolved that: The Finance & Policy Committee's probable out-turn 2012/2013; annual budget 2013/2014 and scale of charges, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, be adopted and included in the Parish Council's overall budget proposals.

Overall Probable Out-Turn 2012/2013; Annual Budget 2013/2014; Revised Scale of Charges 2013/2014

Members considered the document at length. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend the budget as agreed by each committee. This would result in a 0.74% increase in Council Tax. The following recommendations were made:-

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council is recommended to adopt the probable out-turn 2012/2013; the annual budget 2013/2014 and revised scale of charges 2013/2014.
2. The Parish Council is recommended to levy a precept of £243,313 for the year 2013/2014.

F. 13/1186 Motion For Adjournment

Resolved that: The Committee adjourns to allow the Parish Council to consider the budget and precept.

Committee in Session

F. 13/1187 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and they are asked to withdraw.

F. 13/1188 Staffing: Resignation of Deputy Clerk

Correspondence tendering the resignation of Employee No 33 had previously been circulated to members.

It was agreed to set up a panel of 4 to undertake the appointment process, which would include a review of the job description.

The panel would consist of the Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee, the Clerk, Councillor Miss H Opie and Councillor Mrs M Pell. Councillor Mrs S Kaur Samra would be substitute.

Resolved that: A panel should be set up to undertake the appointment of a Deputy Clerk, including a review of the job description, consisting of Councillor N J Tegerdine, Mr G D Long, , Councillor Miss H Opie and Councillor Mrs M Pell. Councillor Mrs S Kaur Samra to be substitute.

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SKS

The meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman