

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCILS FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
19 DECEMBER 05 AT 2000 HOURS IN THE METHODIST PRIMARY ROOM**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bearman, Boyle, Crawford, Mrs Cresswell (Chairman), Cresswell,
Gardner, Poole, Shead, Street & Whiteside

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs K Bell (Clerk)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The following interests were declared:

- Cllr. Cresswell declared an interest in the consideration of the budgetary allocation in respect of the Sports Hall and Playing Fields and did not participate in the decision making process on that item.
- Cllr. Mrs Cresswell declared an interest in the consideration of the budgetary allocation in respect of the subscription payable to Action With Communities in Rural Kent and did not participate in the decision making process on that item.

2. ANNUAL REVIEW OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Following a discussion, in line with previous years members **RESOLVED** collectively not to claim member's allowances.

**3. TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCILS BUDGETARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07**

As the Parish Council was required to notify TMBC of its precept requirement for the financial year 2006/07 by 20 January 06, the Clerk had prepared and circulated to member's the following:

- a. Details of expenditure for 2004/05
- b. Details of expenditure for the period up to 30 November 05.
- c. Details of anticipated expenditure for the period up to 31 March 2006.
- d. Suggested budgetary estimates for the financial year 2006/07

It was noted that under the Financial arrangements with Parish Councils (S136 concurrent functions). The Parish Council would receive the following allowances:

1. Playing Field)	
2. Village Halls)	£6,088
3. Holy Trinity Churchyard	£2,506
4. St Michaels Churchyard	£1,803
5. Street Lighting	£1,450

Total Financial Arrangements with TMBC **£11,847**

Note: Expenditure in respect of items 1 – 5 inclusive was met & fixed by TMBC (Section 136 Concurrent functions) under the Scheme of Financial Arrangements with PC's. Members will need to decide how to split the amount which has been allocated towards the Playing Fields, Village Halls and St Michaels Churchyard.

A discussion took place regarding the Playing Fields and Sports Hall Grant. Following which it was **RESOLVED** that the grant of £10,784 would be included in the Parish Councils budgetary requirements for 2006/07 subject to the following provisions:

- In future years the Committee of Sports Hall & Playing Field Management would provide the Parish Council with detailed financial information including budgeting and forward planning.
- The grant would be included in the Committee of Sports Hall & Playing Field Management Accounts as income and expenditure with a detailed explanatory notes

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Cllr. Mrs Cresswell informed members that one of the football pitches had been nominated for a Football Association award.

Following a discussion the following Parish Council Budgetary Requirements for the year 2006/07 were approved:

6.	Playing Fields & Sports Hall	£10,784
7.	Lighting (Parish Council)	£3,735
8.	Grasscutting (Village)	£948
9.	Churchyard (in addition to TMBC funding)	£558
10.	Audit Fees	£600
11.	Insurance	£600
12.	Subscriptions	£950
13.	Hire of Hall	£277
14.	Administration	£4,000
15.	Clerks Salary	£14,000
16.	Clerks NI & Superannuation	£837
17.	Website	£2,000
18.	Free Resource	£1,600
19.	Village Litter Clearing	£1,500
20.	Contingency Fund	£3,500
21.	Allotments	£500 (£0)
22.	Garden of Remembrance Grant	£300
23.	Community & Police Working Group	£50
24.	Chairman's Allowance	£100
25.	Members Expenses	£150
26.	Training	£200
27.	Contribution From Reserves	-£2,500 (£2,000)
28.	Festive Lighting	£2,000
29.	Holy Trinity War Memorial	£180
TOTALS		
Parish Council Precept		£46,869
TMBC (S.136)		£11,847
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE		£58,716

Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's precept for the year 2006/07 be fixed at £46,869

It was noted that:

- (i) The PC would receive the sum of £11,847 from TMBC under the scheme of Financial Arrangements with PCs (Concurrent Functions S.136).
- (ii) The total budgetary requirement for the year 2006/07 was set at £58,716.
- (iii) The PCs Tax Charge for 2006/07 calculated on the tax base of Band D equivalents (1,336.31) was £35.07 which represented an increase/decrease of £1.25 per Band D equivalent
- (iv) The PCs precept of £46,869 represented an overall decrease of approximately 1.5%.
- (v) The Clerks original recommendations are shown in brackets. Members approved an additional allocation of £500 towards repairing/replacing the allotment gates and increased the contribution from reserves from £2,000 to £2,500.

4. **MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that subject to the ratification by the full Parish Council on 23 January 05, the Clerk would receive a Christmas Bonus of £100. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for its generosity.

The Clerk was thanked for her work in preparing the estimates and there being no additional business, the meeting was closed at 20.30 hours.