

Minutes of a Precept Meeting of Whaddon Parish Council held on 7th January 2014 at 8.00p.m. in the Village Hall, Churc, Whaddon, Nr Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.

Present: Chair Mrs M Peyton
 Councillors Mrs K French, Mrs J Lewis, Professor A Milton, Mr R Scott
 Parish Clerk Mrs G van Poortvliet

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence** – received from Cllrs L Ginger and A Walker.
- 2.0 Discussion and agreement of parish running costs for 2014/15** – the forecast parish administration costs prepared by the Clerk were discussed. Agreed: that parish administration costs of £13,055 be budgeted for 2014/15 (2013/14 £11,771). Action: the Clerk to check with the Treasurer of WVHRGT what the likely contribution towards playground insurance would be (£300 assumed for budget purposes).
- 3.0 Discussion and agreement of additional expenditure for 2014/15** – Agreed: that the following additional expenditure be budgeted for 2014/15:
 Protective cage for air source heat pump £1,000
 Village Hall Opening Ceremony £400
 Donation towards refurbishment of Village Hall toilets/back section £700
 Housing Needs Survey £200
 Broadband – assessment of requirements £1,000 (if empowered to do this)
 Grants to enable new clubs to start in the Village Hall £700
 Total additional expenditure £4,000.
Action: the Clerk to check if the PC has necessary powers to spend money on broadband.
 Otherwise, this money to be allocated to the refurbishment of the back section of the Village Hall.
- 4.0 Agreement of 2014/15 precept** – Resolved: that the total parish funding requirement be £17,055 but, after taking into account anticipated income of £655, the 2014/15 precept be set at £16,400 (2013/14 £16,200). Actions: the Clerk to arrange for the Parish Council (PC) to formally agree the precept at the next meeting and then write to SCDC informing them of the 2014/15 precept.
- 5.0 Items for next meeting** – none requested.
- 6.0 Date of next PC meeting (13th January 2014)**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm