

**A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE was held on TUESDAY, 5th
JANUARY 2016 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL**
 COUNCILLOR REBECCA BLUES
 COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
 COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P Diane Greenwell

Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

None.

- 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015,**
having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Megan Taylor to be a
true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Rebecca Blues. .
ALL IN FAVOUR.

3. PRECEPT 2016-17

After some discussion Cllr Peter Whitfield PROPOSED that an increase of 9%,
amounting to £2,535, on this year's figure be recommended to the Parish Council. If
approved this would mean a Precept for the year of £30,697. SECONDED by Cllr
Brian Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

More than one third of this will be given straight back to the village by way of grants,
but Councillors also felt it was necessary to begin to rebuild our reserves following
the heavy expenditure, over £20,000 to date, on the Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst it is
hoped that this expenditure is now almost at an end we cannot be certain of this, and it
may also be necessary, depending upon what is proposed, to defend the interests of
the village against the City's Draft Local Plan when it is published later this year.
Our day to day running expenses may rise slightly with inflation but should remain
relatively stable.

It is also unclear exactly what monies may be forthcoming from the Ward budget to
support any projects we may wish to undertake during the year. Further clarification
on this will be sought.

Cllrs Robert West and Rebecca Blues agreed to form a small sub-group to discuss
strategic financial planning for the future.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed Date