

**A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE was held on THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY
2009 in the METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D F PARKER** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs M Stones

2. CLERK'S SALARY

It was RESOLVED to pay the Clerk the incremental increase as per the agreed Salary Scale for 2008/9, back pay to be paid from April 2008.

3. TO SET THE PRECEPT

Caretaking Last year the budget of £3,800 was overspent by £1,249. Cllr Parker therefore PROPOSED that £5,000 be budgeted for 2009/10.

Burial Ground and Allotments are self financing.

Grants A total of £6,755 was agreed at the December meeting. The requested quotes in respect of applications from the Bowling Club and the Football Club are now to hand. (The grant to the Football Club to be subject to them having the necessary permissions/consents to erect the Portakabin).

The Good Companions will be very happy to accept a grant of £500, rather than the £300 for which they had originally applied.

Information is awaited from the Archaeological Society.

General Account A sum of £5,000 is PROPOSED.

Additional Items

It is possible that we may have to pay £2,000 to CYC as a contribution to the Main Street lighting scheme.

A request has been received from the Methodist Church for a grant towards the proposed extension to the property. This building is very well used by many groups in the community. No definite figures are yet available, but a sum of £5,000 has been suggested. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that a sum of £5,000 be taken from our Reserves, to be given if the project proceeds. **SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

The Precept therefore comprises:

Caretaking	£	5,000
Clerk Salary and Expenses		6,000
General Account		5,000
Grants		6,755
Street Lighting		2,000
 Total	£	 24,755

Cllr Parker therefore PROPOSED a Precept of £24,755 for the Financial Year 2009/10.
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This will equate to £14.79 per Band D property.

4. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bell is unclear about where responsibility for the management of the allotments rests. A discussion of this will take place at the next meeting of the Roads and Footpaths Committee.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed Date