



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

Extraordinary Meeting held in the Parish Office at the River Bourne Community Farm at 7.00pm on Monday 11 January 2016

MINUTES

Councillors present: Burnell, Burton (Chairman), Bussereau, Champion, Davis, Dean, Hayes, Law, Tunnicliffe.

Wiltshire Councillors present: McLennan, Moss.

Clerk: Prince

There were two members of the public present.

The meeting started at 7pm.

15.127 APOLOGIES Cllr Ansonia.

15.128 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil

15.129 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2016/2017

The Clerk distributed supporting papers with a projection of expenditure and income until the end of the current financial year, and his forecast of expenditure and income for the following year. He explained, for each category, how he had arrived at the projections and forecasts. The forecast deficit of expenditure over income has fallen from £33,147 in the current year to £31,666 in the year 2016/17. The Clerk reported that the Tax Base has increased from 2579.44 for the current year to 2971.41 for 2016/17 and the top-up grant from Wiltshire Council will fall from £763.20 in the current year to £137.38 in 2016/17.

There was lengthy discussion about expenditure that had not been included in the forecasts because decisions had not been made or land had not yet been transferred. This included the provision of an assistant to the Clerk and also a deficit in maintenance funding for public open space at Old Sarum. Cllr Bussereau reminded Councillors that new CATG projects would now require a 25% contribution from the Council, and that he hoped there would be some form of traffic calming in Ford during the next financial year.

The supporting papers also contained sample calculations, based on the new Tax Base, of how the Band D charge would change for varying levels of precept. A neutral precept requirement of £38,135.00 that showed no increase or fall in Band D charge would provide £6,469.00 of funding over and above the forecast deficit. Councillors agreed that this was reasonable in relation to probable expenditure in 2016/17.

Resolved: To approve a Precept Requirement of £38,135.00. **Action Clerk**

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.