



Meeting commenced 7.30pm

Councillors in attendance

Sarah O'Brien Twohig (SOBT), Fiona Dix (FD) and Steve Williamson (SW) (Chairman)

RFO: Debbie Harknett (DH)

1. **Representations from the public** None

2. **Apologies for Absence** from Elizabeth Brown (EB), Max Harwood (MH), and Pauline Berrisford-Hill (PBH) were received and accepted.

3. **Declarations of Interest** (SW) declared that he is chairman of Rake Village Hall Management Committee.

4. **Minutes of last meeting**

The Committee received the minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th October 2014 which were accepted and signed by (SW)

5. **Chairman's Report (SW)**

The Chairman reported that he had received a request from Rake Village Hall for assistance with the costs (totaling £3800) of repairing the soffits and barge boards of the hall. After discussion (which excluded (SW)), given that the Council already contributes more money to the hall than Liss PC and that the hall does not provide specific services for the young or elderly, it was decided not to make an additional grant this year but to consider it as a bid for funds under item 7.

6. **Review of Expenditure Against Budget 14/15**

(SW) explained that the Budget Monitoring report and the estimate of the expenditure at the end of this financial year together with the assumptions used, were the same as reported in the minutes of the last meeting.

7. **Outline Proposals for 15/16 Budget and Precept**

The following new expenditure headings were confirmed:

• Rogate Community Sky Centre	£2000
• Woodland Management Plan for RPC lands	£1000
• Facilities for older children	£ 500
• Services for the elderly	£ 500
• Grit Bins	£ 375
• Election costs	£1300
• Rogate Streets Improvement	£4000

The agreed outline proposals (including the above) totalled £30190, an increase in the Precept for Band D households of just under £10 per year.

(SW) proposed changing the allocation of grants – seconded by (FD) and agreed unanimously.

Resolution: The Council will pay for specific items rather than provide general grants. This will require organisations to submit bids for these items. For 2015-16 the budget allocation would be used as an approximate maximum. For 2016-17 bids will be invited by October 2015 and these will be used to determine the following year's budget. Priority will be given to facilities and services that benefit the elderly and young people of the parish.

8. **Date of next meeting**

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 18th December 2014** at **7.30pm** at **Rogate Village Hall Pavilion**.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

CHAIRMAN

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