

Old Windsor Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE OLD CHAPEL MEETING ROOM, CHURCH ROAD,
ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. T. Peach, C. R. Beever, Mrs L. C. Jones, I. A. Troughton
Graham J. Leaver – Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES: Cllr M. V. Beer

08.238 REVISED BUDGET 2008/2009

Cllr Mrs L. C. Jones, in her capacity for Lead Member for Policy and Resources, briefed members as to the current position regarding Income and Expenditure for the period 01.04.08 to 31.12.08 and in so doing referred to the Budget Detail by Centre sheets which had provided the financial position as at 16th January 2009.

She had further provided members with an overview of the position, listing the approved budget and projected actual Year End figures which indicated that should all expenditure be incurred and all Income received it was estimated that there would be a notional overspend in the order of £5,200.

She had identified variations between the approved budget and the projected actual and provided details of where savings might be made.

a) Allotments

Consequent upon her comments members noted potential savings in regard to allotment expenditure in the order of £895.00, but also in this context the fact that it was the view of the allotment representative that these items should be included in the 2009/2010 budget.

b) Administration

In regard to the Administration budget members noted and asked for an explanation as to the increased costs of typing, and understood that there would be a reduction in the costs of Auditing in the financial year.

With regard to telephone costs the Clerk was instructed to arrange for the installation of broadband connection in the Old Chapel Meeting Room.

Having provided an explanation as to the increased costs of loan repayments, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the sum of £43,890.00 be repaid against the value of the loan taken out for the installation of the new play area.

c) Open Spaces/Cemeteries

Cllr Mrs Jones questioned the need for expenditure of £5,000.00 in relation to the completion of the layout of the Memorial Hall Park and it was agreed that reductions be made.

Members noted that the variations now discussed and agreed would be reflected in the final budget papers to be issued with the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

d) Draft Budget 2009/2010

Turning to the implications for the next financial year (01.04.09-31.03.10), the Lead Member indicated that the figures to be included would take account of a proposed increase on wages items of 4%, in respect of the charges made by the Parish Councils Ground Maintenance Contractor an increase of 5% and the specific items listed below.

- i) Training Budget - £10,000.00
- ii) The Police Post (St Lukes Road) - £60,000.00
- iii) Computer Games Software for the Youth Club – an allowance of £300.00
- iv) Improvements to the Youth Club building - £5,000.00 toward preparatory work
- v) Improvements to the Parish Meeting Room - £3,000.00

Further information would be provided in due course as part of the budget papers referred to above in respect of the provision of public toilets, cemetery/memorial inspections and allotment roadways.

e) Level of Precept for 2009/2010

The Lead Member outlined her views in this regard, members responded and it was agreed that the recommendation to the Council at the Precept setting meeting should be that, the value of the Precept in respect of 2009/2010 should remain at the same level as the current year in the sum of £104,100.00.

08.239 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 28th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel Meeting Room.

CHAIRMAN

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.58PM