

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of a Budget Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2007

Present: Cllrs Barrett, de Lacey, Ford-Smith, Hiley, Taylor, Wilson

ACTION

07/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Martin and Mayfield.

07/02 Election of Chair

Cllr de Lacey prop Cllr Hiley, sec Cllr Wilson, unanimous.

07/03 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

07/04 That Standing Orders be suspended for an open session for the public

No members of the public were present.

07/05 That Standing Orders be reinstated and the Council meeting resumed

No members of the public were present.

07/06 That the Minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of 12 December 2006 be received

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Wilson, unanimous.

07/07 To approve a Budget for the financial year 2008/2009

Before looking at the Budget Cllr Hiley commented on the accompanying Risk Assessment and Management document. He proposed altering item 6/3.4 to read: *The Precept must not be set at an unacceptable level*, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, unanimous. He also prop to alter item 9 to replace the word *acceptable* with *justifiable* and to make a spelling correction, to read as follows: *Committee members must satisfy themselves that the Precept is justifiable, and within that Precept the Budget properly prioritises Village requirements*. Sec Cllr de Lacey, unanimous.

Cllr Hiley read out the Precept figures for the past three years.

Year	Precept	No of houses	£ per household	% increase
07/08	£66,000	1760.4	39.51	3%
06/07	£58,200	1598.4	36.41	2.56%
05/06	£56,750	1549	36.63	5%

He proposed changes to the Budget as follows: move £5,500 from games surfaces and play equipment reserves. He explained that the MUGA will not need to be resurfaced for another 6/7 years because it has been successfully refurbished. This money will go towards the planned periodic maintenance expenditures. He also suggested taking out the architect's fee of £35,000 because this should be offset against the Section 106 £100,000+ expected from Wimpey. He said this was a 'potential' rather than an 'actual' liability so should not be in this year's budget.

Cllr Ford-Smith said as Chairman of the Environment Committee he would accept that the proposal for the development of the car park and bus shelter should go into next year's budget, with £5000 allowance for professional fees this year, so that he could present firm figures to the Council next year.

07/08 To propose to the Parish Council a precept for the financial year 2008/2009

Cllr Hiley prop recommending to the full Council a Precept of £69,000 (a 3% rise) for the year 2008/09, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, unanimous.

Dec Agenda

The meeting closed at 19.45hrs.