

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 21st Nov 2013 at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the Institute Dear Councillors Barber, Baxter, Blessett, Bowell, Dilks, Gilbert, Pelling, Shinkins, J. Stevens and Wallis

Present: Councillors Blessett, Bowell, Dilks, Gilbert, Shinkins, J.Stevens, Wallis and the Parish Clerk

- 35.13 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr. Pelling, Cllr Barber and Cllr. Baxter
- 36.13 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
None received
- 37.13 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 July 2013 (enclosed)**
Agreed and signed
- 38.13 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from the Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**
A balance had been transferred from the current to the savings account.
The Section 137 limit for 2013/14 was £6.98 per head of electorate (Electorate in Deeping St James was 5787 as at 11 November 2013).
Cllr. Bowell had undertaken investigations into land reserves which confirmed that earmarked reserves had only started two years ago.
Confirmation received from LALC that the legislative reform order has been laid before Parliament with regard to amending the '2 signatory rule' to allow the use of electronic banking by local councils.
- 39.13 To receive a report on the Council's finances for 2013/14 (details enclosed on blue paper)**
As the bus shelter refurbishment invoice is more than remains in the transport budget it was proposed by Cllr. Shinkins that the shortfall be taken from the reserve fund. This was seconded by Cllr. Blessett and agreed by all.
- 40.13 To agree budget estimates for 2014/15 and make a recommendation for consideration at full Council on 28 November 2013 to set the Council's precept (details enclosed on yellow paper)**
Cllr. Wallis introduced a more up to date report than the one that had been enclosed with the agenda. Discussions took place around the figures and the following revisions were suggested
To place £1440 in ear marked reserves for future in bloom project
To place the unspent balance of £2500 from the Youth and Community Woody Heights budget for 2013/14 in to earmarked reserves for the future renewal of the skate park
To remove £600 from the transport Committee safety campaign
To increase the Grant Aid fund by £973
To include an amount of £1000 for the purchase of replacement/additional dog bins
To include an amount of £5000 towards the survey costs of the footbridge over the River Welland
Taking into account all these changes the precept required for 2014/15 will be £92507.
- 41.13 To provide information on banking facilities (Cllr. Pelling)**
In the absence of Cllr Pelling it was agreed to defer this item
- 42.13 To consider Financial Regulations and agree to any alterations (Cllrs. Wallis and Pelling)**
In the absence of Cllr Pelling it was agreed to defer this item
- 43.13 To agree the date of next meeting – Thursday 20 March 2014 7.45pm**
It was acknowledged that another meeting may be required for precept setting

Any member of the public can attend all Council and Committee meetings to see the work of the Council. Full Council meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month which start with a 30 minute public forum for questions and issues to be raised.

