

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JANUARY 2009 AT THE PARISH ROOMS, CHURCH STREET NORTH, KELSALL.

PRESENT: Cllr Leather(Chairman), Cllr Mrs Cowell, Cllr Castle, Cllr Enticott, Cllr Gray, Cllr Dutton (part).

131/08 APOLOGIES:

Cllr Lowden, Cllr Mrs Lacey.

132/08 CLERKS SALARY:

1. It was recommended by the Parish Council Finance Committee at the meeting on the 19th January to move the Clerk up to scale SCP23 from SCP 22 on the NALC recommended hourly rate scale for part- time Clerks. This was in acknowledgement of her ten year anniversary as Clerk to Kelsall Parish Council. It was also agreed to further offer the Clerk an additional 2% in line with Government recommendations for public sector workers. The Clerk received 1.9% last year which was below the union-recommended 2.45%.

Resolved: That the Parish Council raise the Clerks salary in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

133/08 PRECEPT:

1. Cllr Leather told the Parish Council that he was unsure how the double taxation relief grant would be paid to Councils affected by it. It may be either sent as a cheque to Parish Council as in previous years or be reflected in a reduction of Council Tax. As a result it was decided not to show it on the projected 2009/2010 accounts.
2. No figures have been shown in the proposed accounts for the further development of the play areas in Kelsall Green as it is still uncertain what grants have been applied for and how much the next phase of the playground will cost. However the two should balance and therefore have no net effect on the Parish Council's budget.
3. It was confirmed that it was agreed with KADRAS to only print one colour front cover a year. This will help keep down the cost of colour printing.

4. It was agreed that there is a need for lighting and CCTV on the recreation land and to try and keep the cost down it should be a two year project. Efforts to find a grant for CCTV will continue. Cllr Leather said it was also felt that a hydrology survey on the land would be very helpful in addressing drainage problems.

5. Cllr Castle expressed the view that Council Tax rises over recent years have put residents under financial pressure, and would prefer a bigger reduction in the Parish Council's precept. Cllr Leather replied that he could not see what budget allocation could be cut.

6. Cllr Gray proposed to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Cllr Mrs Cowell seconded the proposal. This was agreed by Cllr Leather, Cllr Dutton and Cllr Enticott, Cllr Castle abstained.

Resolved: To accept the recommendation of Kelsall Parish Councils Finance Committee and set a precept of £23,743.00.

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