

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 23 January 2012

Present: Cllrs. Rudge (Chairman), Moorman, Ashford, Brandreth and Hall, Parish Clerk Susan Cox and 1 member of the public.

1. Declarations of Interest. There were none.
2. Apologies for absence. There were none.
3. Resolution to postpone the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2012, and matters arising from those minutes, until the next meeting - proposed by Cllr. Ashford, seconded by Cllr. Moorman and agreed.
4. Budget for 2012/13. The Chairman said the Parish Council was in a good financial position. She had expected that it would be necessary to increase the precept in 2012/ 2013 as it had not been increased for two years and some costs had now been transferred from the District Council to Parish Councils i.e. the Annual Safety Inspection of the Playground and some cuts of the village verges. Also that although Parish Council expenditure is not currently capped, it is important to think ahead. However the Parish Council reserves were in a healthy position, almost at the recommended limit and some of the reserve should be used on expenses during the next financial year.
Cllr. Moorman confirmed that £38.00 + VAT was the correct estimate for the Annual Safety Inspection of the Playground and Cllr. Ashford said that he could carry out a complete renovation of the noticeboard at a cost of some £250 which would include having new doors made, replacing the cork interior etc. - this offer was gratefully accepted.

The Responsible Financial Officer presented details of the draft budget:

Estimated reserves at the end of March 2012 are £8,200 (This included £1712.63 from the Friends of Little Compton Cemetery and the Golden Jubilee Fund, earmarked for use in the cemetery).

Estimated expenditure for the financial year 2012/2013 is £6,660

Estimated income for the financial year 2012/2013 is £1,055 (to include £450 from reserves)

Tax Base for the year 2012/2013 is £154.78

She said this meant a precept requirement of £5,605, the equivalent of Council Tax on a Band D house of £36.21, a decrease of 20p or 0.55% on 2011/2012.

A resolution to accept the Budget for 2012/2013 was proposed by Cllr. Rudge, seconded by Cllr. Brandreth and agreed.

5. Any further urgent business. There was none.

The meeting closed at 6.52 pm