

ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2009 in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Mr Senior (Chair), Mr Hardy, Mrs Hathaway, Mr Lay, Mr Pickering, Mr Sale, Mr Watson and Mrs Williams. Mrs Lancey (Clerk), Mrs Sharp (new Clerk), No members of the public.

117. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Mrs Aylott, Mrs Elphick, Mrs Adams and County Councillor Peter Brown.

118. Councillors' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda

None recorded.

119. 2010/2011 Precept Planning

The Clerk had prepared a draft precept containing all requested or anticipated items of expenditure for the financial year 2010/2011, and for comparison purposes, the actual spend to the end of October 2009 together with last year's Precept. It was unanimously agreed that the overall Precept should not increase above the 2009/2010 figure of £31,000. The items were discussed individually. Items of note were as follows:

The Clerk's salary had been amended in order to reflect Mrs Sharp's employment and extra hours for CiLCA training.

It was agreed that £850 be set aside for possible election costs.

It was agreed that £384 could be allocated for the new Clerk's telephone line and calling charges.

£2000 had been allocated to section 137.

It had been agreed that £2000 be set aside for the allotment project.

Grass cutting costs would increase from £450 to £470 per cut and the provision had been made for 14 cuts totalling £6580.

£2000 had been set aside for tree work in case of further need for felling diseased trees.

It was agreed that £1000 be set aside for training. This was to include £500 towards the new Clerk's CiLCA training and £500 towards group training for all councillors.

£1175 had been set aside for the JFMI scheme (High St footpath improvements).

The allocation for emergency planning had increased to £500.

£2000 has been allocated toward the Bramble End Playground in order to cover extra costs such as security fencing.

Provision has been made for a Christmas Tree next year at a cost of £142.

Clerk to prepare a final draft budget which would be circulated to all, and agreed at the

next Parish Council meeting on 24th November 2009. This would subsequently be submitted to HDC in December 2009.

120. Cheques for signature:
BT Line deposit - £50.00