

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL.
HELD ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2013
AT 7:37pm AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

PRESENT: -Cllr Michael (Chairman), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Bowley, Cllr Geens, Cllr Bevan.

IN ATTENDANCE: - , Cllr Hay (Taking minutes in the absence of the Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Bannister (Work) – Accepted
2. **Declaration of Interests:**
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): **None**.
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): Cllr Campbell in respect of the Parish Council Website and Cllr Stevens in respect to being a resident on The Limes.
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors' for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): **None**

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

4. It was proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Campbell that the minutes of the meeting of Monday 4th November 2013 were a true and correct record. This was voted upon and the motion was carried with one abstention by Cllr Bevan. Cllr Bowley commented on the standard of published minutes and the introduction of the "action colomb". Cllr Michael suggested this was a subject that could be discussed as a future agenda item.

A proposal was made for the meeting to go into confidential session due to the commercially confidential information that was to be discussed. This was proposed by Cllr Michael and seconded by Cll Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The council went into confidential session.

5. To agree the Committee budgets for 2014/2015

Discussions were held regarding the carrying over of funds from one financial year into the next. The spread sheet has been updated to include any carryover. Any funds that are carried over will be subject to approval of the full council.

EXPENDITURE

Each committee representative presented and discussed their itemised budget. A summary of which is detailed below.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (Cllr Campbell)

The proposed budget for 2014/2015 is **£7,970.00** with a carryover of **£2,500.00 (Subject to Council approval)**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Cllr Bowley)

The subject of the Lengthsman and the possible withdrawal of funding by the W.C.C. was discussed. It was agreed to carry on as normal until such time that an announcement is made. The hours of the Lengthsman and the possibility of increasing the hours or employing an additional Lengthsman were also discussed.

The proposed budget for 2014/2015 is **£10,151.00**

COMMONS & HAMS (Cllr Bowley)

Funding from Natural England and the management of Ashmoor Common were discussed. It was agreed that these should have no effect on the Council precept. Cllr Bowley was also of the opinion that any profit made from the sale of cattle on Ashmoor should be ring fenced for use on Ashmoor.

The proposed budget for 2014/2015 is **£9,350.00** with a carryover of **£3,300.00 (Subject to Council approval)**

COMMUNITY CENTRE (Cllr Geens)

Cllr Geens highlighted the works that were required within the Community Centre. This included relocation of the electrical distribution box, upgrade of the Fire protection system, installation of double glazing in the Nursery and baby changing facilities.

It was felt by the Committee that some items in addition to those listed above could be completed within this financial year as time and existing funds were available. Cllr Geens agreed to try and get them completed within this financial year.

The proposed budget for 2014/2015 is **£9,789.00** with a carryover of **£8,742.00 (Subject to Council approval)**

All the Committee budgets added to the Staffing Committee budget equated to **£107,807.00** with funds being carried over of **£16,006.00 (Subject to Council approval)**

Cllr Bowley queried the staffing costs as he believed them to be lower than expected. It was agreed that these will be checked and the final figure verified.

A query was also raised regarding V.A.T. and if this was being shown in the figures presented on the spread sheet. Again this was going to be checked.

INCOME

The proposed income for 2014/2015 is **£31,342.00**. This would set a precept of **£76,465.00**.
The current precept is **£77,513.00**

6) To arrive at the precept 2014/2015 for presentation to the Council.

It was agreed that this was not possible, due to staffing costs requiring verification and additional information from MHDC required with regard to the tax base.

Meeting Closed at 10:06 pm

Cllr Hay
(Clerk Absent)

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

Andrew Hay (Fox Lane, Kempsey)

Mr Hay questioned the future funding of the Lengthsman and commented on the possible takeover and management of the Youth Centre at Plovers Rise. He asked the Committee to consider and potentially budget for the possible implications.

Standing Orders were re-imposed