

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at 54 Brookside Avenue at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th February 2012-03-14

Present: Councillor Mrs. K.S. Barton (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor K. D. Roughley (Immediate Past Chairman)
Councillor R. W. Barton

Also in Attendance L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies- were received from Councillor . W. Ashcroft who had to attend another meeting.

2. Receipts & Payments 2011-2012

The Clerk advised on the anticipated balances relating to the expected receipts and payments, as per the Budget 2011/12.

3. Budget and Precept 2012-13

a) The Clerk gave details of a proposed 2012-13 Budget and the possible Precept required. The expenditure on the Lynton Way Play Area Security etc.had been considerable .But it was hoped that this would be reduced in 2012/13 due to the new arrangements with St Helens Council Security Force, which had finally started in Jan.2012.Elections are now expensive and some Parish Councils were met with bills of four to five thousand pounds after last May`s elections. . Windle Parish Council was re-elected unopposed which resulted in costs of £171,000 only. However it would seem prudent to allocate some £1200 each year over four years to cover the possible charge that might arise.

b) Precept 2012/13

St Helens Council had advised the Council Tax Base for the Parish £1,035 (Band D or equivalent properties. A reply had been sent acknowledging this and confirming agreement to the suggested payment dates of the precept viz ;
50% on 23rd April 2012 50% on 25th June 2012

After discussion and consideration of the budget proposals it was
Resolved that the level of the Precept for 2012/13 be recommended at £12750

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)