

**ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**(Serving the villages of Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Finance & General Purposes Committee**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Attending: - Cllr Flemons Cllr Kennedy- Chairman Cllr Moffatt Cllr Mrs Robinson

Also present:-

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks

**1.1 Apologies**

None

**1.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**1.3 Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 & forecast for the remainder of the Financial Year**

The situation has changed very little and we remain quite healthy with a likely carry forward of £15,000 plus. Attached full figures.

We note that Mr Mackintosh won the prize (meal to the value of £50) for returning the Parish Plan questionnaire which we will meet the cost of.

**1.4 2013/14 Budget – Up Date**

Precept was set at full Council at £15,336.00; the grant amount equated to £570 therefore the Clerk has requested the sum of £14,766.00 as the 2013/14 precept, noting that the grant was probably a one off transitional grant.

Cllr Robinson asked that we bear in mind in 2013 that we will use most of the footpath budget on repairs to stiles, if the County Council are not forthcoming. The works to the steps at the bridge will be completed on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

We also need to look at repairs or replacement of bus shelters in due course.

**1.5 Correspondence on Financial Issues.**

1. Cribbed copy of a report for BS regarding deposit funds. Basically the report was done for another council who have been advised to put £35K in a deposit account, after research the Shawford Bank offering 2% (100 days account) was approved and the Clerk would recommend we put half the precept figure on deposit. The Committee agreed to put £8K on deposit.
2. Email requesting our grass cutting tender from Jamie & Chris Sparkes. The Clerk has two sealed bids for Full Council in February.
3. WCC asking if we would like a playground safety inspection at a cost of £37.50 plus vat, Clerk to email Cllr Riley for reference.

4. E mail from Julian Higgins HCC lighting section -Accounts will now reflect costs more accurately, and as a general rule of thumb spring and summer will be cheaper than autumn and winter. There will be an unsettled period during this changeover but we should in time see as marked drop in consumption costs. Present indicators suggest that prices will increase in 2014 to reflect changes in the Govt. Carbon Reduction Commitment. This is expected to see all energy consumption being included within the tax coverage at an increased price of £16 per metric tonne of CO2 from the £12 previously set, more details to follow - Noted
5. Council Tax Base 2013/14 update - basically it explains how they calculated our grant passed to Cllr Kennedy for information.

#### **1.6 Accounts to be paid as listed**

300011	J S Landscaping repairs to Easton play area	£265.00
300012	Easton Village Hall 2012 meetings.	£63.00
300013	CAB, Section 137 Grant	£75.00

The Clerk had a graph from CAB to show the number of our residents who had made use of the CAB

#### **1.7 Date of the Next Meeting – February 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 (Cllr Kennedy is away on 21<sup>st</sup>.)**

