

# MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs M Barker, Mrs A Dunphy, Mr A Watts, Mr A Payne, Mr T Bullen,  
Mrs C Napier, Mr C Stockdale, Mrs L Ross (Clerk)  
Cllr Bass

Mrs Barker congratulated Mr Payne on his recent marriage on behalf of the Parish Council

1. Apologies: None

2. Approval of absence: None

3. Budget Planning

The Clerk presented the accounts for the income and expenditure for the year to date together with the bank balance:

Income received to date	£5259.97
Expenses to date	£4770.00
Bank balance to date:	£6153.47

Estimated balance at the end of the financial year £4386.94

This balance includes £84.05 which is being held for Neighbourhood Watch.

The estimated expenses for 2012-2013 were examined and after discussion and it was agreed that an allowance should be made for training (350.00) and necessary expenses (£500.00) in relation to the Localism Bill and producing a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Bass advised that it was unlikely that there would be any Ward Grants this year.

- General Expenses - estimated at £2877.00
- Street Lighting - estimated at £1683.00
- Training - £350.00
- Sundry Improvements - upgrade of street lights to replace mercury bulbs by 2015, it was agreed to replace just two of the five that have to be changed
- Emergency Fund & unforeseen expenses
- Capital Projects - street Light lamp replacement £500.00
- 3-5 year plan

The budgeted expenses for the coming year 2012/2013 were estimated at £8235.00

4. Precept - It was recommended that the precept be set for the year 2012/2013 at £7500.00. To cover the necessary expenses the Parish Council finds it is now necessary to increase the precept for the forthcoming year which is regrettable in this current climate but the Parish Council has no option to implement this increase.

The precept was proposed by Mr Watts and seconded by Mrs Napier and all were in favour.

5. Date of next meeting - The Parish Council meeting followed this meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Signed.....

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