

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Parish Council budget meeting held at Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall on Monday 28th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:	<u>Chairman</u>	Cllr. D. Constable	<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Cllr. T. Flowers
	<u>Councillors</u>	Cllr. D. Catchpole Cllr. G. Dryhurst	Cllr. R. Clark	Cllr. N. Drayton-Thomas
	<u>Officers</u>		Kelly Holland, Parish Clerk	
	<u>Members of press and public</u>		None	

16/178 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Chittenden and D. McCarthy.

16/179 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

16/180 Public participation session

None present.

16/181 Finance 2016/17

The contractor had difficulty removing the base of the basketball unit, the equipment had been removed to ground level but the new equipment had not yet been installed. The contractor would place a charge on the Parish Council for the extra work already undertaken and to install the new equipment.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the contractor be asked where in the terms and conditions does it state that extra charges could be applied to a quotation price;
- (b) the item be deferred to the Parish Council meeting on 5th December 2016.

16/182 Training

The list of training provided by the Essex Association of Local Councils was received.

The Clerk requested permission to attend a training course in May 2017. Canewdon Parish Council had agreed to contribute 50% towards the cost of the training session and mileage accrued.

Cllr. R. Clark arrived at the meeting, 7.54pm

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to attend routine play inspections course; the Parish Council would contribute 50% towards the cost of training and mileage accrued.

16/183 Member Allowances

Members discussed whether allowances would be claimed during 2017/18. Cllrs. R. Clark, D. Constable, N. Drayton-Thomas, G. Dryhurst and T. Flowers intended to claim allowances.

RESOLVED that the five member allowances of £350.00 be budgeted for during 2017/18.

16/184 Activities for the youth during School holidays

Following low attendance, members considered providing activities during the May and October school holidays. Consideration was also given to providing a mobile skate park during August.

RESOLVED that

- (a) no sessions be held during the May and October 2017 holidays;
- (b) a 4 day mobile skate park be provided during August 2017.

16/185 Budget and precept for 2017/18

Members reviewed and amended the budget report for 2017/18. Following a site visit and confirmation from Rochford District Council that the play area at King George's Field can be extended, members considered budgeting towards the equipment. The District Council are considering re-opening the toilets at King George's Field and would be interested in working in partnership with the Parish Council to provide this facility.

Cllr. G. Dryhurst left the meeting, 8.32pm

Cllr. G. Dryhurst returned to the meeting, 8.33pm

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Parish Council budget £5,000.00 towards match funding for play equipment at King George's Field;
- (b) the Parish Council budget £3,500.00 towards the potential re-opening of the toilets at King George's Field;
- (c) a budget of £71,404 is required for 2017/18. Confirmation of the Local Council Tax Support Grant from Rochford District Council was expected late December 2016; the precept figure could not be calculated until this had been received. The precept figure for 2017/18 would be confirmed at the Parish Council meeting on 9th January 2017.

16/186 Reserves

Members reviewed the general and earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED that the following be allocated funding from the reserves to make the earmarked reserves for 2017/18:

Office & IT Equipment	£1,200
External Audit	£500
Elections	£3,500
Asset Maintenance	£2,000
Gate Locking	£3,945
Street light supply	£2,140
Street Light replacement	£9,000
Play equipment	£2,100
Allotments	£1,250

16/187 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.12pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated
5th December 2016