

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2010 AT 18.00 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD

PRESENT: Cllr. Blundell, Chairman of the Finance Committee
Cllr. Jeff Baldwin
Cllr. Tony Bent
Cllr. David Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

The meeting convened at 18.05

1 APOLOGIES.
All Members were present

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS - Nil

RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Received from Cllr. Tony Bent

This Committee considers that in the severe economic situation now existing, the continuation of special funding to Kent Constabulary for the exclusive access to a Police Community Support Officer is no longer justified.

Cllr. Bent spoke to his motion but there was no seconder.

Cllr. Blundell spoke against the motion.

3.2 Received from Cllr. Tony Bent

This Committee considers that in the severe economic situation now existing, Kent County Council funding for traffic calming measures is unlikely to be available in either the short or medium term.

This Committee wishes to make a substantial payment into the Traffic Calming fund using the contribution previously paid to Kent Constabulary.

This decision must not be delayed and this recommendation made to the full Council at the meeting.

Cllr. Bent spoke to his motion but there was no seconder.

Cllr. Blundell spoke against the motion.

Cllr. Bent believes that speeding is an important matter in the parish and that the funding for a PCSO could be used to provide traffic calming measures. He believes employing a PCSO is a reckless use of Council funding.

Cllr. Blundell believes that PCSO Barker provides an important role in the parish. He does not believe that parishioners want the introduction of lighting which is required with traffic calming.

Cllr. Taylor proposed that if savings could be made under other budget headings to increase the traffic calming budget would

Cllr. Bent be acceptable to this.

Cllr. Bent stated that he would not be satisfied and believed Council should not pay for a Police Community Support Officer.

4 CLERK'S REPORT

Costs have been ascertained for the following items:

Play ground

Replacement new bubble for platform £297.224 + installation; new steel net for platform in the region of £630; engineer's report £45. It was **Resolved** to recommend to Council that the engineer's report be commissioned.

Hedge to the rear of playground

£260, another will be sourced.

Pavilion internal work

Replacement flooring gents toilet and kitchen £573; kitchen tiling £165, another will be sourced.

Female Hygiene Units

Three quotations have been sources and these will be put to Council.

5 BUDGET for 2011-2012

Final amendments were discussed and agreed within the budget. This will be put to full Council at the December Parish Council meeting.

It was **Resolved** to recommend to Council that the Precept figure for 2011-2012 should remain the same as the current financial year **£40,275**.

5 INFORMATION - Nil

The Meeting closed at 19.55