

BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee
Meeting held at Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington
on 10 January 2017 at 5:30pm

In Attendance: Councillors S Bean, C Brown (Chair), P Cawthorne (Vice Chair), J Haywood and B Weston
Also present: E Boswell - Clerk to the Council

120/16-17 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Barnett and Yates

121/16-17 Community Centre Hiring Rates

Members discussed the current level of hiring of the hall. The Pre-School had given short notice before Christmas leaving a gap in day time bookings. Other hirers had been retained with checking of number of attendees and then advertising in the newsletter, and children's parties had increased. In the last week two pilates classes and a dog training class had expressed interest in booking the hall, this would make up one third of the lost income.

Resolved: To recommend to Council that the hiring rates are maintained at current rates for 2017/2018

Resolved: To recommend to Council that the Clerk and Councillors continue over the next months to explore alternative bookings for the hall including some in-house events, an open day, costs and process for obtaining a wedding license, and to contact Derbyshire County Council Early Years, Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, local dance groups.

122/16-17 Budget and Precept Setting

Members considered the budget for 2017/18; including the loss of £7,800 income. A quote had been received for a new more interactive website at a cost of approximately £1000 in the first year. The Clerk presented a report that showed that cost savings can be made from the current budget including an application for Small Business Rate Rebate, Clerk's Telephone, Mileage, Newsletter, Insurance, Postage, Stationery and Community Centre Purchases. It was noted that there would be again a £719 reduction in grant

Resolved: To recommend to Council that the budget be set with the cost savings

Resolved: To recommend to Council that the website is not renewed at this time and to be reviewed again next year.

Resolved: To recommend to Council that the precept be raised from £52705 to £53613, which with the reduction of grant represents a rise between 1.9% and 2%, costing an additional 28pence per annum for a Band A Property and 82pence per annum for a Band H property.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 6.30pm

Signed.....Chairman 14 February 2017