



**ELTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 January 2017 in Elton Community Centre

Present: Councillors Tony Mills (in the chair), Colin Crispin, Martin Dickinson, Margaret Lockhart, and Maureen Wilson

In Attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk)

17.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Ruth Ackroyd, Ryan Cash, Ian Miller and Pauline O'Reilly

17.14 FINANCE

(1) **Budget and Precept:** Consideration was given to the budget to be set for 2017-18. It was noted that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant paid by Cheshire West and Chester Council was to be phased out over the next three years with payments of £1,804 being made in 2017/18, £1,203 in 2018/19 and £601 in 2019/20. It was also noted that the minimum wage would increase to £7.50 an hour from 1 April 2017 and that revised salary scales had been agreed by the NJC for part-time Clerks, also from 1 April 2017. It was resolved that:

- (a) a decision on the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2017 be deferred to the February meeting;
- (b) the monthly fixed payment for 2017-18 to mitigate the costs of having the Parish Council's registered office at the Clerk's home (including heating, lighting, telephone etc) should remain at £10 per month;
- (c) the rate to be paid for casual use of own transport by both employees and Councillors on Parish Council approved business should remain at 45p per mile;
- (d) the precept be set at £32,000;
- (e) the schedule of CTRS grant payments for the next four years, after which no further payments would be made, be noted;
- (f) Wellfield Accounting Services be appointed as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the 2016-17 accounts; and
- (g) consideration of the Risk Assessment for 2017-18 be deferred to the February meeting.

(2) **Payments:** The following payments were approved

Method		Amount
BACS	Staff costs	1,034.32
S/O	Igoe – website hosting fee	6.99
	Unity Trust Bank – service charge (3 months)	18.00
BACS	Treefellers – tree maintenance	1,080.00
Chq 82	Cllr Tony Mills – crowd barriers (around Christmas Tree)	50.00
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses December and January	62.90

(3) **Receipts:** The following receipt was noted:

Elton Gardeners' Association – Repayment of Allotment water charges	12.19
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