

11th December 2008

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm in the Forbes Lounge under the chairmanship of Mrs.H.Stallard.

Present – Mrs.H.Stallard, Mr.P.Steed, Mr.I.McCulloch, Mr.R.Brooke, Mr.J.Edwards, Mrs.S.Cartledge, Mr.R.Hart, Pastor S.Reed, Mr.L.Povah and Mrs.L.Clist.

Planning

The plans for the following two planning applications were inspected and discussed before decisions were reached.

08/02173/FULL – Replacement of two ground floor windows at Halifax House.

It was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Pastor S.Reed that approval be recommended – agreed.

08/02171/ADVERT – Consent to display non illuminated wall sign and 1 non illuminated projected sign.

Proposed, seconded and agreed with the above application.

08/02158/FULL – Erection of two dwellings at Hemyock Motors.

It was proposed by Mr.Steed, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge that approval be recommended, all agreed.

Local Development Framework

This was discussed at length – it was decided that if we have to have more housing councillors would prefer a mix of housing not all affordable housing in one place.

Clerk to obtain nine more copies of the Local Development Framework Rural Settlements preferred Option Document dated November 2008.

Precept

Mrs.Cartledge had prepared a Forecast on the Income & Expenditure of the Council, where we are now, and where do we go from here.

The various projects that are in progress and ones for the future were discussed.

The document proposed the precept be set at £52,000.00, which works out at 50p extra per person per week.

Mr.Edwards felt it was just more expenditure for people in these difficult times; he felt that the elderly would be most concerned about another rise in the precept, the future is very uncertain at the moment.

Mrs.Stallard said we must keep an eye on our 106 money – there is a certain amount of flexibility on what it can be spent on.

The other option is to leave the precept the same as it was before; but things would stay the same as they are at present.

Mr.Edwards said that for years the precept was only increased by the rate of inflation.

Mrs.Stallard said that now is the time to make capital development and with the credit crunch we must make sure we have value for money. Mrs.Cartledge said that we may need money for match funding.

Several councillors agreed it would be a good idea to have a loan to take the garages at 11/12/08

Millhayes forward.

Pastor Reed said the Parish Appraisal will raise lots of new ideas.

Mr.Edwards said we must make people understand what we need the extra money for.

Mrs.Clist suggested that we have a questionnaire at next years Parish Meeting to see how people feel about an increase.

The public toilets have been vandalized several times recently; when the garages are developed it will help keep the youth of the village occupied.

After further discussion it was proposed by Mrs.Clist, seconded by Mr.Povah that the precept be set at £52,000.00; a vote resulted in 8 in favour 2 against – proposal carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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