



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28 January 2025

In the Parish Room at 7 00 pm

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

1. Attendees

D Alchin, S Innes (Chair), D Martindale, R Sutton, S Sutton.

2. Apologies and approval of absences

S Ellis, O Hackett, L Sharman.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. The following items were discussed and agreed:

- a. The previously circulated revised budget proposal for 2025 – 2026 and associated supporting documentation was discussed and agreed.
Proposed S Innes, seconded D Alchin, AIF.
- b. The precept for 2025 – 2026 was discussed at length and it was agreed to increase the precept demand to £53 000. This precept gives the Parish a Council Tax Band D amount of £107.64 and is an increase of 9.29% on 2024/25. These are the amounts that will be shown on the Council Tax Bill.

It was agreed to publicise this increase on the website, noticeboard and newsletter prior to residents receiving council tax notification. It was agreed that, within this, it would be emphasised that Laxfield precept demand amount had not increased in the last four years and, due to a substantial increase in the number of residents within the parish, in percentage terms, the parish council's precept had decreased.

The decision not to increase the precept until this year had been a conscious one but it was necessary to increase the precept this year due to considerable increased costs faced by the parish council.

It was also noted that, although the parish council's accounts look very healthy, this is almost entirely Community Infrastructure Levy money which has to be spent on infrastructure projects. The parish council is working to ensure that all relevant projects are costed to this pot, however general expenses of the parish council cannot be taken out of this which means that the general reserves of the parish council are low and this needs to be addressed.

Meeting closed at 7 40 pm

If you would like to attend a parish council meeting, please come along. Alternatively, if you would like to raise a matter of concern, please do not hesitate to contact the parish clerk or a member of the council.

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