

# NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Present: Cllr Richard Revell (Chairman) (RR)  
Cllr Tony Baker  
(TB) Cllr Lorraine Frankland  
(LF) Cllr Carol Runciman  
(CR) Sally Bruckshaw (Clerk and RFO) (SB)

Minute-taker: Richard Revell

FC.14.12.01 Introduction and Apologies

Members were thanked for their attendance. There were no apologies.

FC.14.12.02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FC.14.12.03 Minutes of the Last Meeting

After a correction to the list of those present, the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

FC.14.12.04 Grant Applications

(i) ***The Toolbox Project*** - £2,000 was requested to provide sessions for young people during school holidays.

Following some discussion members considered that a grant of £1,000

Earswick

would be appropriate, bearing in mind the proportion of New residents catered for by Toolbox.

requested to help

(ii) ***Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust*** - a grant of £900 was

residents.

finance the annual Pensioners' Christmas Party for New Earswick

proposed

The committee agreed that this grant should be awarded. As both these applications had taken some time to process it was

holding a

that RR should consult with Cllr Crawford over the possibility of

could take

meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee which

Meeting in

the final decision instead of waiting until the next full Council

January.

FC.14.12.05 Quarterly Accounts

The accounts for the September quarter were examined and no points requiring discussion were raised.

FC.14.12.06 Clerk's Salary and Conditions of Service

(i) SB informed the committee that there were no problems in connection with her conditions of service.

(SB left the room for the remainder of this agenda item.)

(ii) The committee agreed that the Council should pay the new increased hourly rate for clerks and also the one-off payment, as nationally agreed, in accordance with the Council's normal practice.

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(iii) It had become apparent that SB has been working more hours than she is being paid for (up to sixty more this year so far). The committee agreed that this was not acceptable and recommended that SB's contracted hours be increased from thirteen to fourteen with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015; also, as compensation for the amount of unpaid hours worked over the last year, that SB should receive an ex gratia payment of £500.

FC.14.12.07 2015-16 Budget and Precept

The committee discussed in detail the proposed budget drawn up by SB for 2015-16. Taking into account the likely continued increase in requests for donations and the possible employment of a Parish Warden in the near future, it was agreed that the Council should be advised to increase the precept for 2015-16 by £1,000 to £20,000.

FC.14.12.08 Future Meetings

The following dates for the Finance Committee meetings in 2015 were agreed: 5<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All these meetings will commence at 9.30 a.m.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....

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