

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the next meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Finance & Resources Committee held at Wootton Room, Herne Mill, on Tuesday 20th November 2012 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Moore and Cllr Hobbs.

Not present: Cllr Brealy.

41/12	Apologies for absence. None.
42/12	Declarations of Interest and approval of dispensations requested. All members declared an interest and had requested, in writing, a dispensation. The clerk had approved all the requests.
43/12	The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2012 were agreed as a correct record.
44/12	Matters Arising. None

Public adjournment

To allow members of the public to speak about items on the agenda.

Name and address to be given

None

45/12	To discuss the draft budget for 2013-14 and a precept proposal for full council. Cllr Jones explained that he and the clerk had put the budget together and he would go through it an item at a time, in order to answer questions as they arose. After much discussion the precept figure was paired back from £97,535 which would have been an increase of 5.25% to £94,785 which will be an increase of approx 2.3%. The clerk stressed that the increases in some of the budgeted figures were necessary, especially the increase in contingencies, as at the end of the year it is expected that the general fund will be reduced to about £30,000, which is too low. She had also mentioned an extra £2,000 for consultations, as it was expected that there would be further consultation for the Community Centre and also for the Local Plan, if there was a proposal to include large areas of land in Herne. Members also agreed that it was necessary to put additional funds into the Community Centre Building fund so this has been increased to £30,000. The savings have come from the Community Fund £1,350 and the football coaching sessions will be funded by the balance of funds that will come back to the parish council from the youth club. It was agreed to recommend to full council a budget of £121,559 and a precept of £94,785.
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Meeting closed at 8.30pm