

Steypning Parish Council



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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE STEYPNING CENTRE

Present : Cllrs Northam, Lloyd, Howell, Willett, Hanson, Muggridge, Toomey, Pearcey, G. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Goldsmith

Clerk : Carol Stephenson

Members of the Public : none

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

MINUTES

		ACTION
FULL/16/195 195.1	APOLOGIES Cllrs Syred, Muncey, Pearcey, Trundle	
FULL/16/196 196.1	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllrs. Howell, Muggridge – SAYS	
FULL/16/197 197.1	QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR None	
FULL/16/198 198.1	BUDGETS AND PRECEPT 2017/18 Advice had been sought by the Clerk from the Council's Internal Auditor Mark Mulberry, who advised that the council should ideally aim to have at least 6 months of funds in its general reserves, which for SPC would be in the region of £120k. This information was shared with Cllrs Howell and Northam. This was ratified by Cllr Howell with the Auditor who also confirmed that it is permissible to have less based on the judgement of the council <u>and</u> as in our case, if there are other sources of income to the council. Cllr Howell shared all this information with councillors at this meeting. Cllr Northam reminded that in his view, there is a duty on councils to deliver services to its community and therefore he considered it acceptable to have less in reserves if this meant more services/projects could be achieved for the benefit of the community. Cllr Howell advised that all Chairs had been consulted over the budget being put before committee tonight and that they had agreed their committee's budget's	



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accordingly. Cllr Howell recommended that the council wait until February/March 2017 before deciding what projects go ahead from savings /reserves. He also recommended no growth items in the budget for 2017/18 and that the council seek to keep the precept figure for 2017/18 the same as last year for the benefit of the people of Steyning but did suggest a small increase of approx 2% to reflect an anticipated increase in inflation over the coming year. Having heard this presentation and explanation, Councillors fully supported this approach. Cllr Willett **proposed** and Cllr Lloyd **seconded** that the budget and precept figure put before this committee be agreed. **Agreed unanimously.**

FULL/16/199 Date of next Full Council meeting 20th February 2017

Meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed **Date 20th February 2017**
Chairman.