



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 IN THE PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOM,  
GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

- 136/17 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Boswell, Cowin, Harvey, Mannington, Newton, Robertson, Tippen and Turner. The Clerk was also in attendance.
- 137/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Adam, Brown and Childs had given their apologies.
- 138/17 **(a) AMENDMENTS TO COUNCILLOR REGISTERS OF INTEREST** There were no amendments to the Registers of Interest.
- (b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest.
- (c) GRANTING OF DISPENSATION:** There were no requests for dispensation.
- 139/17 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 would be deferred to the next Full Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- 140/17 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING:** There were no members of the public in attendance.
- 141/17 **FINANCE**  
This Extraordinary Full Council meeting was called to finalise the Precept and Budget for 2017/18 following Maidstone Borough Council's confirmation at their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January of the Parish Services Scheme Grant awarded to Parishes. An email from Geraldine Brown, Chairman of Maidstone Area KALC, had been received just before the commencement of this EFCM.
- (a) Finance Committee and HR Sub-Committee Meetings – The minutes of these two meetings had previously been circulated to provide information on the proposals.
- (b) Five Year Plan – This had been updated at the previous Finance meeting however the finalising of this would be deferred until the next Finance meeting.
- (c) Budget for 2017/18 – The Parish Services Scheme grant had been increased by £10 on last year's grant, however this was an increase of £100 based on the draft figures provided by MBC for 2017/18 prior to their meeting. It was noted that funding was only being provided for 2 notice boards within the parish and not the full amount of 5.  
Kent Highways had provide the Clerk with details of grass verge work within the village that they undertake which, if the Parish Council wished to take over as devolved responsibility, a grant of £205 would be passed down. This was included in the budget but would need to be discussed at the next Full Council.  
As the increase in the Parish Services Scheme grant did not significantly change the budget the original proposal by the Finance Committee was agreed and adopted.
- (d) Precept for 2017/18 – based on the budgetary figures for 2017/18 the figure recommended by the Finance Committee of £116,100 was agreed and adopted. This equated to the same amount paid by a Band D property as 2016/17 - £71.35.  
The reason that the total precept could be increased but with no changes to the individual was the rise in new properties at Highwood Green and that the work of the Parish Council could be undertaken on this amount.
- (e) MBC Precept form – This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and would be submitted to MBC prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed: ..... Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Chairman, Marden Parish Council