

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 23rd MAY 2011 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT
7.30pm**

Present: Councillors S Shevde N Kenton A Wiles
 M Kemp A Barwick S Hooper

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Hooper that Cllr Kenton should act as Chairman of this committee, all agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr M Pemble

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Barwick that Cllr Wiles should act as Vice Chairman of this committee, all agreed.

4. RECIEPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 31-3-11

a) Adopt accounts – Section one of Audit form

After examination of the accounts and an explanation by the Clerk it was proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Barwick that the accounts be adopted by the committee, all agreed. See Appendix A

b) Agree Statement of assurances audit form

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Kemp and seconded by Cllr Wiles that the statement of assurances should be approved by the council, all agreed.

5. REVISED BUDGET FOR 2011/12

The Councils carry forward was £8,618 higher than anticipated. This is made up of £867 additional income

Parish Room	(47.00)
Allotments	(77.00)
Burials	278.00
VAT	512.00
Interest	8.00
Other Income	<u>193.00</u>
	867.00

Spending was £7750 less than predicted.

(£574) Admin (£550 Cllr Training and Expenses, £24 other)
 (£532) Parish Room (£500 maintenance & improvements, £32 gas, electric & boiler service)
 (£395) Ground Work (Tree and hedge work not necessary)
 (£1296) Allot & Leisure (Maintenance and repairs budget not spent, no major pond work)
 (£17) Toilet Supplies
 (£284) Grant's (mainly coffee break allowance)
 (£4488) Highways (traffic calming not spent)
 (£24) Memberships lower
 (£245) Contingency/Other projects (£245 parade lights)
£105 Extra VAT

7750.00

The Clerk had produced a revised budget based on the carry forward; this was discussed.

There was some concern about the amount of money being spent on poop scoops, especially as there is still a problem with dog mess in the village. People had started to abuse this service by taking multiple packs, it had also been discovered that people from outside the parish were also taking advantage of the facility. After some discussion it was agreed that once the poop scoops in stock have been used no additional ones would be purchased. The money budgeted for these items to be put towards the provision of superfast Broadband in the village. It was also agreed that some of the money budget for traffic calming should also be put toward Broadband. It was felt that super fast broadband would allow more working from home and conferencing facilities that could reduce the need for people to travel so reducing traffic problems. With these and a few other minor changes it was proposed by Cllr Barwick and seconded by Cllr Kemp that the budget should be adopted, all agreed. See Appendix B.

6. 2011/12 GRANTS

After some discussion it was agreed that grants would be invited this year, however less money would be available, and only very worthwhile applications that serve a large proportion of the community would be considered. It was felt that the introduction of superfast Broadband and the Chapel Community Centre should be the main focus of the Parish Councils project spending this year.

Grant Time table

Applications in by 24th June, discuss and agree at 4th July meeting.