

**Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 November 2010
in the Sampson Room of Hathersage Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillor Jane Marsden – Chairman
Councillor Jean Hodgkinson
Councillor Bill Gordon
Councillor Anne Claxton
Councillor Pauline Whitney
Councillor Simon Taylor
Councillor Bill Hanley

Clerk: David Palmer

No members of the public were present.

130/10 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

131/10 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

132/10 Public Speaking

No members of the public were present.

133/10 Councils Budget Proposals for 2011/12

The meeting had been called, in accordance with Council's Policy, to consider and make recommendations on Council's budget proposals for 2011/12. These budget proposals will be presented to Council at its meeting on 22 November 2010, to allow the precept request to be sent to Derbyshire Dales District Council before their requested date of 14 January 2011.

It was resolved that, while the Council had been successful last year in maintaining the precept at the same level as the year before, this had only been made possible by a significant reduction in the Council's reserves and this would not be sustainable. Furthermore, the financial burden on the Council had increased (for example, the lack of delivery of grit salt by Derbyshire County Council last winter had meant that the Council had had to make its own provisions) and this situation was only likely to increase in the coming years. Therefore, an increase in the precept was resolved to be both prudent and inevitable. The draft budget prepared by the Clerk was considered in detail and reductions recommended wherever possible; it was resolved that the Clerk should revise the budget based on the Council's recommendations and present it for approval at the next full meeting of the Council on 22 November.

It was also resolved that the Clerk should contact the Treasurer of Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) to advise him of the Council's decisions regarding payments to HPC. He was instructed to report any response from HPC at the Parish Council meeting on 22 November.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.