

**Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 29 October 2012
in the Sampson Room of Hathersage Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillor Jane Marsden – Chairman In attendance
 Councillor Jean Hodgkinson
 Councillor Bill Gordon
 Councillor Anne Claxton
 Councillor Pauline Whitney
 Councillor Bill Hanley Clerk: David Palmer

No members of the public were present.

145/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simon Taylor (prior engagement).

146/12 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

147/12 Public Speaking

No members of the public were present.

148/12 Councils Budget Proposals for 2013/14

The meeting had been called, in accordance with Council's Policy, to consider and make recommendations on Council's budget proposals for 2013/14. These budget proposals will be presented to Council at its meeting on 26 November 2012, to allow the precept request to be sent to Derbyshire Dales District Council before their requested date, which is generally in January.

A draft budget had been prepared by the Clerk, which included estimates received from the Treasurer of Hathersage Parish Council; this had been circulated to Councillors in advance. This draft budget was considered in detail and amendments recommended in a number of areas. It was resolved that the Clerk should revise the budget based on the Council's recommendations (attached as an appendix) and present it for approval at the next full meeting of the Council on 26 November.

The overall increase in the precept was approximately 19.5%, which was almost entirely due to the need to introduce a new reserve for the costs of the village toilets. Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) had held a number of meetings with Hathersage Parish Council (often with Outseats representatives present) where they had stated that they did not expect to be able to afford the running costs of the toilets in the village centre in the future and had asking for contributions from the parish councils. A meeting held in the village had shown the strength of support for retaining the toilets. Therefore, while DDDC had not yet specifically requested any funds, it was thought prudent to reserve funds in case of such a request in the next financial year. The amount reserved - £1,750 – was thought to be barely sufficient to cover Outseats' expected contribution to the running costs of the toilets, if DDDC failed to fund them next year, but it was resolved that this was as much as the Council could afford. Other budgets were reduced wherever possible, to try to keep the overall increase in the precept as low as possible.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

APPENDIX

OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET FOR 2013/2014 (AFTER FINANCE COMMITTEE)

EXPENDITURE		PREVIOUS	CURRENT YEAR			PROPOSED
		YEAR	Budget	Actual to Date	2012/13	BUDGET
		2011/12			Forecast y/e	2013/14
Subscriptions	DALC	192	192	0	192	192
	Peak Park Parishes' Forum	0	20	16	16	20
	Society of Local Council Clerks	72	75	72	72	75
	Rural Action Derbyshire	50	50	50	50	50
Donations	Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport	400	400	0	400	400
S137 Expenditure	Churchyard (Hathersage Parochial Church Council)	410	260	0	260	260
	Replacement Playpark on Playing Field	1,094	333	0	333	500
	Millennium Garden grass cutting	104	130	0	130	150
	Hathersage PC Street Cleaning	1,450	1,500	0	1,500	1,600
	Heart for Hathersage CIC	0	0	0	0	100
	Village Website	62	75	0	75	75
	Joint Traffic Comm: Clerk's Salary	18	70	0	70	70
	Other Expenses	22	50	0	50	50
	Charitable donations: Hathersage Luncheon Centre	50	50	0	50	50
	Careline in Hathersage	0	100	0	0	0
	Others	0	0	0	0	0
Salary (Gross)		2,091	2,400	1,193	2,386	2,400
Clerk's Office Allowance		120	132	66	132	144
Audit		189	220	192	192	220
Office Expenses & Travel (including Annual Report & Newsletter costs)		487	500	226	500	500
Training		0	150	100	150	150
Room Hire		143.70	120	96	120	130
Insurance		311	320	310	310	320
Grass cutting in parish & Bund Wall tidy		438	500	0	438	500
Playing Field mowing/raking		210	550	0	750	750
Playing Field Equipment Maintenance		378	500	0	500	650
Parish Seats preservative treatment		0	50	0	0	50
Swimming Pool		3,150	3,150	0	3,150	3,150
Allotments		0	0	0	0	0
Costs of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations		0	0	772	850	0
Grit bins and salt		240	400	0	400	400
Election Expenses		219	0	0	0	0
Sundries (including MMS)		198	500	198	198	500
Value Added Tax		228	250	179	250	250
Total Expenditure		12,329	13,047	3,469	13,524	13,706

RESERVE FUNDS	End 11/12	Current	Changes	Forecast y/e	Budget	Increase
Road Safety	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Playing Field Equipment Replacement Fund	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0
Playing Field Playpark Replacement	287	287	0	287	287	0
Swimming Pool Drive/Hard Play Area Fund	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0
Village Projects	1,200	2,200	0	2,200	2,200	0
Village Toilets	0	0	0	0	1,750	1,750
Fund for Clerk's Retirement Gratuity	300	400	0	400	500	100
Parish Council Election Fund	531	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Total Reserves	6,317	7,887	0	7,887	9,737	

INCOME	Previous	Current
PRECEPT	12,048	12,672
Bank Interest	8	8
Minor Maintenance Refund	212	238
V.A.T. Repayment	228	330
Donations re Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	0	889
Total Income	12,496	13,248

Balance brought forward	8,414	8,581
Add Total Income	12,496	13,248
Less Total Expenditure	(12,329)	(13,524)
Balance Carried Forward	8,581	8,304
Less Reserves Carried Forward	(6,317)	(7,887)
Net Balance Carried Forward	2,263	418

PROPOSED PRECEPT 2013/2014

Balance Carried Forward	(418)		
Add Expenditure Budget	13,706		
Add Additions/Reductions to Reserves	1,850		Last year: 12,672
PRECEPT REQUIRED	15,138		Increase: 19.5%