

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to the Parish Council

The Committee met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 30th November 2015** in The Parish Hall in Great Baddow. Councillor Mrs C Shaw chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Shaw, Mrs V Sadowsky, A Sosin, K Ronaldson, Mrs D Ronaldson, Mrs J Sosin, T Miller, G Jarvis and Mrs S Young

In Attendance: The Clerk of the Council

533/15 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence as all the members of the committee were present.

534/15 Declaration of Interests

Cllr T Miller declared a Registerable Non Pecuniary Interest in item 536/15, the grant application from Baddow Hall Junior School.

535/15 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

536/15 Grants

The Clerk circulated an updated copy of page 2 of the grant application information that had been previously circulated, to take account of a late submission of an application from Meadgate Church. Applications for grants had been received from various groups and these were considered.

Cllr T Miller declared a Registerable Non Pecuniary Interest in the grant application from Baddow Hall Junior School.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and seconded by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky that grants be made under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended for the financial year 2016/2017. The grants to be awarded are attached at Appendix 1.

537/15 Precept

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget in early November 2015 and a spreadsheet prepared by Cllr A Sosin, had also been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr A Sosin outlined the changes that had been made to the draft budget. Thanks were given by the committee to Cllr A Sosin and the Clerk for their work in preparing the budgets and reports.

There was discussion about the Precept, during which the Clerk expressed her concerns about basing the budget on a figure of potential savings from a review that has only just been commenced.

It was proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Young to recommend to the Council that the Great Baddow Parish Council precept for 2016/2017 is set at £377,000.00, which represents a 7.8% increase (net of LCTS) on 2015/2016.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date