

ASTON CLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Finance and Staffing Meeting

3rd February 2014

Attendees: Cllrs; R Maskell, J Watson, Teresa Kirtland
Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

14.001 Apologies

Martin Watson

14.002 Declaration of interests

For Councillors to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

None

14.003 Approval of minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously for the meeting of the 22nd October 2013.

The valuation of the council's buildings is being reviewed by Cllr Joe Hoinville.

14.004 Finances

The Miscellaneous for the year 2013/14 is unusually high; members requested the Clerk itemise the legal expenses into a separate column for clarification of what has been spent on the boundary issue and Hub lease. Currently both bank accounts total £48,000, the tracker account stands fixed at just under £21k.

It was agreed that the precept for 2014/15 be increased by 18% to allow for the legal proceedings currently pending. This money will be put into the Misc. budget column, therefore will read £22,000 and not £5,500 as previously agreed.

14.005

After a successful appraisal of the Clerk, the members agreed to increase the salary from 24 to 25 (£10.80 to £11.30 per hour) and the mileage to be calculated at the standard rate of 45p per mile. The Clerk requested to work 5 days per week 4 hours per day from March; 9.00am -1.00pm instead of 4 days per week at 5 hours per day. The Council approved this change of hours.

Groundsman; no reply from employment tribunal; the "Grounds of resistance" document was sent to the insurer as per the deadline, 7th January. It is believed that there are significant delays in the courts at present.

14.006 AOB

Gary Brennan of The Hub requested to address the members surrounding the rent issues. Further to liaison meetings with the Chair and Vice Chair, Mr Brennan advised that due to cancelled bookings and adverse weather and no football that the funds were not being received. Staff costs have been cut significantly, this includes Gary and his son working for no salary. Start-up costs for the first year will not apply this financial year; rollover of purchases per week and less wages, should help in the coming months.

It was mentioned that the small bar may be changed to allow an on-site manager, planning permission required to block up the bar and moderate change of use application to be approved by the Parish and District Council, should Gary wish to go ahead. (Licensing at AVDC would prefer an onsite manager at all premises)

14.007 Date of next meeting – May 2014