

**Minutes of a Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council Finance and Resource Committee held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 @ 20.00, Parish Room, Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.**

**Present:** Ctrs. Mrs Dicker (Chairman), A. Farrow, G.W. Bateson, G Smith.

1. **Apologies for absence.** C Enderby.
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
3. **Approved:** Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.
4. **Information:** Update on actions since last meeting.
  - External audit signed off with no comments and the notice of audit completion posted.
  - Notification of 2.2% pay consultation received. Data to be used in cost forecasts for 2015/16.
  - 2014/15. Risk schedules completed.
  - VAT refund received 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - submitted 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014.
  - Barclays payment by Bank Transfer enabled but only for “on the day” payments due to the Tandem nature of the Council’s Accounts.
  - Meeting with BBC on Grant funding held 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 but uncertainty remains over 2015/16 grant levels.
5. **Information:** Noted: 2014/5 budget review and forecast to the end of March 2015.
6. **Information:** Noted: Assumptions about 2015/16 grant and cost trends, including government and union agreed national pay recommendations for an increase of 2.2% wef January 2015.
7. **👏 Resolved:** Approved a budget for 2015/16 and 2015/16 precept recommendation of £54,814 to Full Council in January 2015. The recommendations are based on the policy approved at the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 meeting of the Finance and Resource committee items 7(a) and 7(b) and used in setting the 2014/15 precept. The outcome is a rise of precept by £5.40 a year for a Band D property (£0.10p per week). A number of assumptions have been made in setting the precept and it was further agreed that if an assumption of a discretionary grant loss of £2744 is not realised then this sum could be rebated to residents in 2016/17.
8. **👏 Resolved:** Approved the consolidation of Barclays Current Community Account into one account (Absorbing the Business Saver Account).
9. **Any Other Urgent Business strictly for information only.** None raised

**The meeting was closed at 21.30.**

Signed:.....Deborah Dicker (Chairman)

Dated: 2015