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Minutes of the ST Ive Parish Council Financial and Administration Committee held at Millenium House, Pensilva on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Chairman Cllr. A Neal

Councillors: M Corney, A Moss, P Dipper, H Frith, J Kendrick-Crawshaw.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7:32pm and welcomed the members of the public.

**56. Apologies** - Cllr C Wadge

**57.** Councillors' Declarations of Interest – There were none declared.

# 58. To receive questions or statements from members of the public –

A request was made to have the financial reports projected onto a screen to enable the public to follow the discussion. The request was considered to be a good idea.

## 59. Minutes of the previous meeting -

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted; Cllr Dipper proposed that the minutes be signed by the Chairman and Cllr Corney seconded the proposal. The subsequent vote was 5 for the proposal and 1 abstention.

## 60. Matters Arising from the Minutes –

There were no matters arising.

#### 61. Business -

## 61.1 Budget for 2015-2016

The Chair confirmed that the deadline for submitting the Precept request was 31st January and suggested that the next FAC meeting on the 27th January 2015 be used to finalise the Precept for next year.

Discussions followed about the Parish Expenditure with each line being examined to ensure a realistic value was presented. The following main points were discussed in length. :

- 1. POS Footpaths maintenance at £350 was questioned, Cllr Moss offered to contact the Parish Office to find out the details of the contract.
- 2. Major expenditure for the next year was discussed and the MH car park repair was considered. Cllr Dipper reported that Cllr Wadge and he were going to do some repairs over the next week. Discussion about who was responsible for the car park. It was suggested that it was agreed that the Parish Council was responsible for the external maintenance, but there were some objections to this arrangement. Cllr Kendrick-Crawshaw proposed that the MH internal maintenance was the responsibility of the MH manager and the external maintenance the responsibility of the Parish Council this was seconded by Cllr Moss, the subsequent vote was 5 for, 1 against, the proposal was carried. From the public came a suggestion that Tony Vincent may be able to help with the car park, Cllr Dipper will contact Mr Vincent.
- 3. MH room rental by the Parish Council was discussed and considered to be very high. It was felt that we should be seen by the parishioners to be reducing our costs and we shouldn't be asking the parishioners to pay large amount just to pass it on to the MH. It was suggested that we should not be paying for the room rental at MH as much of the discussions was about the running of MH. Cllr Neal proposed that for 2014-15 we stop paying the room rental for Parish Council meetings and any sub-committee. Cllr Moss seconded the proposal, the subsequent vote was 4 for, 2 against, and the proposal was carried. Cllr Corney pointed out that the MH budget will now have to be revisited as the Lettings will have now been reduced a significant amount and will show the MH finances in a worse state. Cllr Neal agreed to send the MH Manager a letter outlining the FAC Committee's decision.
- 4. Discussion regarding Parish Allocation to MH Overheads (Line 5420) continued with Cllr Kendrick-Crawshaw suggesting that to make things simpler and instead of trying to work out the percentages the Parish Council should contribute to the MH overheads that a flat room rental should be negotiated to include OH contributions. This discussion will be carried over to the next FAC meeting.

Cllr Kendrick-Crawshaw excused himself and left the meeting at 22:00

General discussion continued with the remaining lines of the Parish Council budget. It was agreed that the MH budget will be discussed at a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7:30 pm at MH.

The next FAC meeting is scheduled for 27th January 2015 at 7:30 pm.

The FAC meeting closed at 22:30
Minutes taken by:
Cllr A Moss
23 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
Signed:
(The Chairman - Cllr. A Neal)
Dated: