

**Wheathampstead Parish Council  
Finance Committee  
25 January 2016, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	D Davies G Clark A Dante D Johnston L Halford S Haynes P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

**4470-16 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Brewster and T Reason (personal reasons).

**4471-16 Public Speaking**

None.

**4472-16 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

**4473-16 Minutes of meeting of 9 November 2015**

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015 be approved.

**Resolved**

**To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

**4474-16 Budget 2016-17 and Precept recommendation**

A draft budget for 2016-7 had been prepared included balances at 23 December and estimated income and expenditure to year end shown against current budgets. The current year's budget was reviewed and budget for 2016-17 considered in context.

Details of the grant allocation, and its calculation, to St Albans parishes from St Albans District Council had been circulated. The funds available to SADC were allocated in proportion to changes caused by the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS) proportionate to lost yield (option 2). It was noted that for 2016-17 Wheathampstead's share was £15,111.

The draft budget was considered in detail and a few amendments made resulting in a 2.3% increase on band D.

Councillor Dante proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston and unanimously agreed that the budget and precept as discussed be recommended for approval to Council on 28 January, namely £495,555 gross budget and £223,091 precept requirement

**Resolved To recommend approval by Full Council of budget and precept.**

**4475-16 Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**Resolved To exclude press and public**

**4476-16 PCSO Service Level Agreement**

The SLA for provision of police community support officers (PCSOs) had been circulated. The agreement was between Wheathampstead Parish Council and the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire. It was for two years ending on 1 May 2017.

Councillor Dante proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that the Clerk, on behalf of Wheathampstead Parish Council, sign the SLA

**Resolved The Clerk, on behalf of Wheathampstead Parish Council, sign the SLA.**

**4477-16 Wheathampstead Cricket Club Lease**

The draft lease between Wheathampstead Parish Council and Trustees of Wheathampstead Cricket Club, had been circulated. It would run for thirty years from October 2015 and did not differ from the previous lease.

Councillor Haynes proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed, that this be approved for signature.

**Resolved To approve the lease for signature.**

**4478-16 Tender specification for maintenance work**

The draft tender specification for maintenance work as recommended at Minute 4468-16 had been circulated. Councillor Clark proposed, seconded by Councillor Halford, and it was agreed this be approved. Tenders to be considered at the Community

Involvement Committee Meeting on 14 March 2016.

**4479-19 Readmission of Press and Public**

**Resolved To readmit press and public.**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.50h.**

**Dated this            day of            2016**

**Chairman**

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