

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Little Chalfont Parish Council
Held on Friday 31 January at 2pm
In the Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont**

Present: Cllr B Drew (Chairman); Cllr J Hinkly and Cllr D Rafferty.

In attendance: Mrs J Mason (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** These were received from Cllr L Hunt, Cllr M Parker, Cllr V Patel, Cllr J Walford OBE and Cllr J Wyper
2. **Resolution that standing orders be suspended to allow any members of the public to speak:** Not applicable.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 8 January 2014 and 21 January 2014:** Deferred until the 12 February 2014 meeting.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** It was noted that the relevant Council members have declared a DPI in relation to discussions under item 5, Budget and Precept, and have applied for and been granted a dispensation enabling them to speak and vote on item 10. (Note, the dispensation applies until May 2015.)
5. **Budget and Precept 2014/15 - To set the precept for 2014/15 and to review and finalise the draft budget in the light of this decision:** Cllr Drew proposed and Cllr Hinkly seconded that the precept for 2014/15 should be set at £212,600. This would mean no increase to the precept which would therefore remain the same as in 2013/14. This was agreed unanimously. The Clerk will advise Chiltern District Council and forward the necessary budget information for their Council Tax booklet. The impact of this decision is to reduce budgeted income shown in the draft budget for 2014/15 (discussed and provisionally approved on 11 December 2013 by £4,250) resulting in a budget deficit for that year of £7,615. The budget was approved on this basis and will be reissued incorporating these amended figures.
6. **Co-operative Bank Fixed Rate Deposit Account:** The Council noted that (i) this account matures on 7 February and (ii) authorised the Clerk to instruct the bank to pay the full maturity value by cheque, which will then be paid into the Parish Council's current account with TSB, pending a review of investment opportunities. The instruction form to the bank was then signed by the councillors present.
7. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 12 February 2014 at 8.15pm in the Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont (following the Planning Committee meeting which starts at 7.30pm).

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