

The Minutes of the Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 23rd January 2018 at 7.00pm in Detling Village Hall.

Councillors present: *Bowie*
Clayton
Finn
Howells
Zammit

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington and Members of the Public and Press

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Bowie.

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

Apologies were received from MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

There were no Interests declared and no Dispensation requests to consider.

3. Public Comments and Observations.

This is the opportunity for members of the public to raise issues with the Parish Council.

No matters were raised.

4. Financial Matters.

2018/2019 Budget.

The Clerk circulated a draft budget to all members with Precept increase options for 2018/2019.

Members prioritised that projects that needed to be considered over the next few years and agreed that the Precept should be increased to enable these to be realised.

Following discussions to was proposed by Cllr Bowie that the Precept for 2018/19 was increased to £34383, representing an increase of 66p a year per average household in Detling.

This was seconded by Cllr Finn and a vote cast in favour of this proposal by three votes to one, with one abstention.

The Precept for 2018/19 was approved by majority vote at £34383.

It was agreed that a clear statement would be drafted explaining the reasons for the Precept increase.

Action: Clerk to Action.

5. Items for the next Agenda.

No matters were raised.

6. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 7th February 2018 in the Meeting Room of Detling Village Hall at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.03pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____