

Hilton Parish Council
Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held
on Tuesday 21st October 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors (Committee members): P Balicki (Chair), G Barradell, S Whyte & W Wilson

In attendance: Jo Perez – Clerk.

1. **To receive any apologies for absence**
Cllr J.Perez – prior engagement
2. **To receive any declarations of interest**
None.

Comments and observations from members of the public (NB *comments from the public should be relevant to items on this agenda only*)

3. **To approve minutes of previous Committee meeting on 15th July 2014**
Minutes were approved – prop Cllr W.W 2nd Cllr G.Barradell, P.B abstained as not present at the last meeting, rest in favour.
4. **Balfour Beatty – Street Lighting Contract**
The Clerk advised that she has found that we are already in a 3year contract that ends in August 2015. She has advised Balfour Beatty who would like her to forward the contract to them as they do not have a copy.
5. **CCC Energy supply to PC owned Street Lights - agreement**
The Clerk has received a letter asking for the PC to confirm the lights the PC own in the village and to confirm that we wish CCC to carry on supplying the energy through Southern Electricity. Clerk to complete and return forms and advise that PC21 is no longer in action.
6. **To discuss precept 2015/16**
The precept for 2014/15 was £23,047. The PC need to discuss and decide whether this year the precept is increased by a small percentage as last year. Or if the PC asks for a larger precept in order to cover the costs of looking after our Village. The PC struggles looking after the Village and maintaining safely with current funds. Potential costs include, election, crossing, fireworks, play park, pavilion maintenance, village car park. The PC reserves are being used to cover extra costs and therefore the reserves are low. This needs careful consideration and it was proposed that a budget planning working group form in order to get a better idea of what cost are likely to be. S.W prop, G.B 2nd, all in favour.
9. **Close of meeting**
|Meeting closed 8.15pm