

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES    FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE    1 Dec 2015**  
**Meeting commenced 7.45pm**

**PRESENT:**    Chairman:    Dr D R Bard    Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors:  
Miss S E Clarke  
K Cuffley  
R M Matthews  
E C Murray

## **1    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor K J L Cooper    :    School Governors meeting

## **2    DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

None were declared

## **3    MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2015 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor E C Murray to ***ACCEPT***

**VOTE:**    **5 FOR**    :    **(UNANIMOUS)**

## **4    MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY**

None

## **5    COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE SHEETS**

The Committee went through the finance sheets.

### **Planning**

Clerk to check the cost of seed and fertiliser as it seems high and there may be 2014/15 invoices in this figure.

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor K Cuffley to ***ACCEPT*** the Expenditure Sheets.

**VOTE:**    **5 FOR**    :    **(UNANIMOUS)**

## **6 BUDGET SETTING FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017**

The Committee went through the budget sheet and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council a budget of £68,226.00.

**VOTE: 5 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

The Committee then went through each Committee budget sheet to calculate the Precept for 2016/2017.

It was **AGREED** to reduce the recreation new play equipment budget to £15k which brought the total for recreation and open spaces to £82,917.00

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Matthews and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to request a Precept of £301,528.00 which is an increase of 1.7% and a band D equivalent of £121.56.

**VOTE: 5 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

Councillor E C Murray then explained that the Parish Council should be considering taking out a loan for the new pavilion in case the inflation rate increases.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that a loan is taken out now and put into a savings account so the money will be ready for the new pavilion.

**VOTE: 5 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**