

**BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
HELD AT 7.40PM ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 AT  
BLIDWORTH COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE.**

**PRESENT**

P Brooks ( Chair )  
Mrs L Chadwick  
Mrs C Dabbs  
B Evans  
M Gammon  
T Hurst  
G Merry  
P Merry  
Ms H Warren

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None**
  
- 2 **DECLARATIONS TO BE MADE BY ANY MEMBER MORE THAN TWO MONTHS IN ARREARS OF COUNCIL TAX WHO MUST DECLARE AN INTEREST & REFRAIN FROM VOTING .**  
None
  
- 3 **To agree a Dispensation to allow ALL Members to vote on the setting of the 2013 / 14 Precept – Form completed by Clerk covers everyone .**
  
- 4 **REVIEW OF EXPENDITURE/INCOME TO DATE AND FORECAST OUTTURN FOR YEAR 2012/2013**  
  
4.1 a) Clerk referred to spreadsheets with current balances as at middle of Dec . 2012 projected forward to 31 March 2013 .  
  
b) Chair then directed Members to the current Analysis of Miscellaneous Expenditure to seek members views on figures Re possible need for next year .  
  
c) Clerk then referred to spreadsheet projecting estimated outturn balances at 31.03.13 to be : - **Gen Fund £84,876 , R&R Fund £13,500 , WMF £2,749 & S106.Fund £12,945 . TOTA £114,070**
  
- 5 **FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR YEAR 2013/2014 .**  
**5.1 a)** Clerk stated that he has Provisionally booked the Switch on Event @ Welfare for 30 Nov. 2013 & Annual Pensioners Party @ Welfare for 4 Dec\_2013 – **Agreed .**

**b)** Cllr B Evans queried as to whether we can manage all the additional grass cutting we now have if Handyman does retire this year . Clerk stated we could now these areas are in better condition after a years mowing , but he will check on grassed area @ Forest Road where residents have previously requested it be converted to a Car Park area .

**c)** Agreed Clerk to arrange for new quotes Re annual Insurance renewal .

**d) Xmas Lights** – Recently , Chair & Clerk met Mick Moore & Dave Cooke , 2 senior members of NCC Electrical staff , who are well aware of all the problems we have had this winter with our lights . They are not happy with all the problems caused whilst using connections to our street lights , and the connections we have to several shops on Mansfield Road , which they are not in favour of because of Insurance liabilities . They have some new ideas for the future that could cost much less after the initial layout . After a discussion with them as to what we thought we could afford for a revised system , Clerk suggested we could use some R&R Fund monies , plus our annual budget , to help get a good initial layout , which would last much longer and cost less thereafter . MM/MC suggested Clerk speak with the person who organises the Xmas lights @ Bassetlaw DC . Clerk has since tried several times to speak to Richard Blythe @ Bassetlaw & will report back to Members after he has done so .

**e) QE2 Project** – Planning permission has now been granted . Clerk stated that as Responsible Financial Officer he has serious reservations about this project , as the potential Running Costs could be in the region of £40k to £50 p.a; & from information recently gained the Portland Project @ Kirkby in Ashfield , which is what the QE2 Project was based on , is apparently making serious losses .

Members raised various issues Re sustainability , appointing a Business Manager & a Business Plan , get NCC to arrange Grants needed Etc .

**It was Agreed** this whole discussion be dealt with @ Parish Meeting next week .

**f) Proposed Village Gala & Food Fare** – **It was Agreed** that from initial discussions with Blidworth Welfare Members , Cllrs Mrs L Chadwick , B Evans & Chair now meet with David Donaldson & Alison Sherratt & make all arrangements for this event .

**4.3 g) SUMMARY -** the projected spreadsheet agreed by Members shows estimated figures of - Expenditure £74,820 & Income £84,270 giving **Est Bals. @ 31 Mar. 2014 GF £94,326 R&R £14,500 S106 £12,945 TOTAL £123,520 .**

**After a short discussion Re all the above items it was Unanimously Agreed that the decision regarding the 2013/2014 Precept be deferred until the next Parish Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 where both the QE2 Project & 2013/2014 Precept be discussed further .**

**Meeting closed @ 9.35pm**