

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Newton and Biggin Parish Council held at 8pm on 08th January 2015 at Newton Village Hall.

1. **Present:** Dave Carter (DC) Chair, Ann Davies (AD), Frank Preston (FP), Judith Leggatt (JL), Jim Hotten (JH), Cllr Philip Morris-Jones (PM-J).
2. **Apologies:** Clerk, Cllr. Leigh Hunt (LH).
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
 - a. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:** None
 - b. **To receive written requests for the dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:** None
 - c. **To grant any requests for the dispensations as appropriate:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 8pm:** The minutes were noted and JH name is to be added to those present.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2014 at 8pm:** No matters arising. In the absence of the clerk, members resolved to deal with item 10c of the agenda only.

10. Finances

- c. **Setting of Budget:** Members considered a provisional budget of £10,645 based on an assumed band D tax of £40.22.
However, it was recognised that given continued house completions in the Coton area of the Parish that the tax base on which these considerations were based may already be out of date.
Consequently, it was resolved that the chair should determine the current tax base from RBC and that a budget should be fixed based on an increase of approximately 1%.
The chair obtained this information and, in accordance with the above resolution, members subsequently agreed on 09th January 2015 to precept £10,056 which equates to a Band D of £38.00, representing a 1.1% increase on 2014/15.

11. Date of Next meeting: Thursday 22nd January 2015