

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Royal Oak on
Thursday 28th January 2016 at 8.00pm

Present: Mr Mike Airey Chair
Mr John Digby
Mr Jake Richards

Mr Colin Warburton Clerk to the Council

Apologies
Mr Sheila Marshall - Parish councillor
Mr Matt Cutress - Parish Councillor

No members of the public attended

1. Precept 2016 - 2017

MA summarised the detailed notes that SM had submitted as she could not attend the meeting:

If more than 2% increase there has to be a good reason.

Precept not raised as previous clerk would not accept an increase in salary

Feels that precept should be raised by a minimum of 33%.

Fulking pay their clerk (last year) £3,000, based on average wage paid to a cleaner. This was offered to the clerk on appointment.

Need an increase of £2000 +

Propose £1,100 this year and £1,100 the following year (just over £6 pa on Band D)

This would put us in line with other similar parishes (Fulking 2016 - £8.359)

JD felt that the clerk should be paid the correct salary now and not have it in instalments

JR commented that we should not have to use our funds to do this and why should we receive less funds than similar Parishes.

JD remarked that with a new PC we should be professional and the salary should reflect this.

MA pointed out that as the starting point is low compared with similar parishes then we have to raise the precept to give the service required.

JD proposed and JR seconded that we should increase the precept by £1,500 this year and £500 plus next year. There were no objections.



8/3/16

Concurrent (Graveyard costs)

We receive a contribution to the upkeep of the graveyard of £582 and this year we had an income of £750 from cemetery fees. However, the upkeep of the graveyard cost the council £1,910.

This means we had a shortfall of £578.

The council recommends an increase of at least 5% this year.

Proposed by JD and seconded by JR.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm