

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER, 2014.
AT 7pm IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.

Present: Councillors C. Lake (Chairman), Mrs B. Thwaite, Mrs J. Brown, Mrs J. Prescott, B. Packham, S. Haskell and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence-** Apologies were received from Councillor M. Gibson
2. **Declaration of Interests** - No Councillors had interest to declare.

3. **a) Report on Expenditure for 2014/15**

Expenditure sheets were handed round and Chairman reports that at moment all on target. Agreed the £500 for White Rose should be deleted from Donations as this is just rent adjustments.

4. **Matters for Discussion**

i) **To Discuss Precept requirements and budget for 2015/16**

Chairman reported that meeting at SDC had been quite informative, but at the moment they do not know what the Govt. is proposing for the next Financial Year. SDC will let us have full details on this probably by the end of January. Agreed at the moment that Parish Council requirement would be for £150,000 which would be an increase of 5.3%. However at the present time do not really know what our requirements will be until we know what services, besides grass cutting, will be landed on this Council to pay. **Agreed Parish Council need to know about these extra costs before we can either decide the Precept or the Budget for next financial year. Meeting to be held early in the New Year to try and make final decision. Clerk to write to Selby stating this Council will be sending in Precept claim when we have all the information we require to make this decision.**

ii) **To Discuss Street Lighting upgrade.**

Clerk has met with Paul Gilmore from Street Lighting and he is sending quotation for Springfield Road upgrade, but not yet arrived. Clerk had also asked NYCC if we could possibly have the accounts before the end of the financial year if at all possible. They would do their best.

iii) **To Discuss quotes for Health & Safety checks for our areas.**

Clerk reports that we have 3 quotes ranging from £250 to £995 . **Agreed we propose to full Council that the Yorkshire Health & Safety Services quote be accepted, they do work for Barnby Dun & Kirk Sandell Parish Councils, Clerk to check if they are happy with this service.**

iv) **To Discuss letter from SDC regarding likely hood of a Parish Council Election next year and the cost implications for this council.**

It is not thought that we would need an election as this Parish has not had one since 1995. Agreed Clerk should check with SDC what the cost would be if one was needed. If this is a large sum this Council may need to add to budget just in case.

v) **To Agree wage rise for January 2015 as proposed by YLCA/National Joint Council agreed pay scales.**

This sum amounts to 20p per hour fore the Clerk and 10p per hour for Project Officer. **Agreed we propose to full council that this be approved.**

Extra item for report

Clerk reports she has asked two firms to quote for tree survey work but had not received a response. Councillor Packham would send details of another firm to contact.

