

An extraordinary meeting of Holt Parish Council was held on Thursday 15th November, 2012 at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Becky Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Pearce, Cllr. Jane Grant, Cllr. Helen Quilliam, Cllr. Barbara Tucker, Cllr. Bob Mizen, Cllr. Martin Moyes, Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. John Fletcher.

Apologies: Cllr. Basil Ash.

Precept 2013/2014: Cllr. Martin Moyes presented the proposed precept for 2012/2013.

- The Clerk to consider whether membership of the Society of Local Councils is necessary.
- It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that £70.00 should be spent from this year's budget to 'spring clean' the Clerk's computer; it was proposed that a further £70 should be precepted for 2013/2014.
- Restoration of benches – It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that £350 should be spent from the 2011/2012 budget to fund restoration of one bench. £650 to be included in the Village Development for 2013/2014 for further restoration of benches if necessary. Early in 2013 VFC to apply to Bradford-on-Area Community Area Board for funding for the remaining benches in need of restoration.
- Children's Play Area – VFC to consider how the cost of replacement of play equipment will be funded in future.
- Trees – Cllr. John Fletcher has carried out an inspection of trees in the Village and considers essential maintenance work will cost £1200. A vote was taken and all present were in favour of this expenditure.
- The Clerk to clarify with the insurance company the position regarding cost of removal of diseased Ash trees; there are ten three Ash trees in the Village, none of which is diseased at present.
- VFC to look for additional football teams to use the pitch for the 2013/2014 season.

The proposed precept for 2013/2014 is attached to these minutes.

Bowls Club Hedge: The Bowls Club has requested permission to remove the Leylandii hedge between the tennis court and the Bowls Club. It was agreed that:

- The hedge can be removed.
- The Council's preferred option would be for the hedge to be replaced with a more suitable type of hedge.

- The chain link fence of the tennis court could form one fence and a new chain link fence erected from the tennis court to the entrance gates to the Bowls Club.
- A fence not to be erected between the tennis court and the Bowls Club.

Cllr. Bob Mizen to report back to the Bowls Club.