



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Finance & General Purposes Meeting

Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2011 in The Parish Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer at 7:30 pm

Present: Cllrs: R Barker (Chairman), D Morsley, J Morden, P Wingfield, G Puddephatt, P Blagden

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **To receive update on half yearly Internal Audit:** The Clerk advised that the Internal Auditor had duly completed a six monthly review of the Council's systems of accounting and internal control and found everything to be in order. He reminded the Clerk of the requirement by H M Revenue & Customs that all VAT registered organisations need to register for on-line filing by the end of March 2012. The Clerk also advised that Cllr A Philips on the 21st October carried out a check on the PAYE, Pension etc. and found everything to be correct and in order.
4. **To review Fairground Hire Charges for 2012:** It was agreed to recommend to the Full Council that the Fairground Hire Charges be increased by 2.5% from 1st January 2012:
 1. Daily hire charge for booking the Fairground from £75.00 to £76.87
 2. Adult hourly rate for hire of tennis court £3 per hour (unchanged*)
 3. Junior (under 16's) hourly rate £1.00 per hour. (unchanged*)
 4. Tennis Club rates for club sessions Adults £1.23 per hour, juniors 50p per hour.
 5. Tennis Club home matches £10.00 per match.
 6. Cricket Club annual hire charge from £250.00 to £256.25 per season.
 7. Commercial tennis court booking annual fee from £250.00 to £256.25 per season. (This is in addition to the normal court hiring charges).*Unchanged for ease of administration by McColls.
5. **To discuss and agree draft precept budget for 2012/2013 in order to make a recommendation to the full Council:** A working draft spreadsheet (previously circulated) was discussed, reviewed and updated. It was agreed to recommend to the full Council meeting a precept budget requirement for the f/y 2012/2013 of £88,000 (no increase). It was agreed to recommend to the full council that the annual membership of BALC (Berkshire Association of Local Councils) be withdrawn.

The request from WBC re Superfast Broadband and other advice on the subject was discussed and considered and it was agreed that Cllr Puddephatt would speak to WBC to obtain more information about the proposed project/contract and funding.
6. **To fix date for next Committee Meeting:** To be agreed.

Meeting closed at 9:46pm