Present: Cllrs G Riley (Chair), E Adams, P Blanking, C Bond, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, P Corley, S Frayling, D Gledhill, S Hagen, C McCarthy, R Mimmack, D Redding and M Townley (Clerk)

attendance: Mr W Beese

Public Participation
No comment.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Cook(?) V Drew(?)

Declarations of Interest

Resolution: That the Batheaston Parish Council is granted dispensation from the Pecuniary Disclosure Regulations when setting the Precept for this next year.

Proposed G Riley P Blanking
Seconded
RESOLVED - (Unanimously) That the above Resolution is approved.

Minutes of Meeting held 24th November & 8th December 2015

Proposed E Adams P Blanking
Seconded
RESOLVED That the Minutes are approved as presented.

Matters Arising from the above Meeting

(a) Drawings for Renovation of the Pavement at the Shops viewed last week. The existing stones will be preserved and stored in the Gardens.

(b) These drawings will be exhibited in the Fat Friar and comments forwarded to B&NES.

(c) Details of the Hanging Baskets Upright discussed and perhaps £6000 would be required. Skanska will install these uprights at no extra cost.

(d) The Ward Councillors to be asked to offer £2000 each for these Uprights/Baskets purchase.

(e) The HFL Committee will initiate a study of Street Furniture Enhancement for the entire Village.

(f) The BLA meets on 28th January and will formulate a response to the BPC/BLA integration proposals.

Unaudited Accounts for December 2015

(a) All Accounts are verified by Cllr Adams - and refer to Budget

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(b) Special Payments

Street Furniture deposit £3600

Proposed S Frayling C McCarthy
Seconded
RESOLVED - That the Accounts, and special Payment, are approved
**Precept 2016-2017**

This year we have spent over £10500 more than recent years. It is anticipated to enter this coming financial year with reserves of £56600.

Our regular spend is projected as

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After discussions at GPC this has been reduced to-

- Additional Handyman
- Village enhancements and equipment upgrade
- Toilet re-opening
- Riverside and Secret Garden
- Pavements and pedestrian safety
- Tree and Field maintenance

Total spending

This BPC recommends That the Precept is increased from £35000 to £45,000

Year-end Reserves will therefore be...

All non-regular spends will be monitored against specific project budgets summarised above with appropriate approvals to ensure both value for money and transparency.

This Meeting discussed many items and it was agreed that Special Community Events will be considered and that Reserves are to cover any BPC agreed contingencies.

Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED That the Precept for 2016 - 17 be set at £45,000 Seconded D Redding }