



**Extraordinary Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.30pm at Peasmarsh Memorial Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors: Ben Randall (BR, Chair) Peter Lamont (PL, Vice Chair), Gina Sanderson (GS), Marcus Gould (MG), Rose Kiley (RK), Georgina Dunham (GD) and Mick Coleman (MC).

**Also present:** Clerk, Amy Head (AH).

**160. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Robert Barham (RB) – no apologies received.

**161. Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct** – None.

**Questions from members of the public** – There were no members of the public present.

**162. To discuss and approve the Parish Council's budget and fees for financial year 2026-27**

The PC went through the budget spreadsheet line by line (attached to these minutes on the PC's website).

**RESOLVED:**

**Fees** – The PC agreed to give one year's notice to tenants of the Allotments and the Coronation Garden raised beds that their annual rent would increase by £2 a year from £25 to £27 from April 2027. This is to support the costs of the water supply to both sites. Clerk to inform tenants of this in their rent renewal letters in March 2026.

**Precept** – the PC agreed to keep the precept at £37,000 per year, which equates to £37.56 per year/per elector or £0.73p per week/per elector. According to the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 Rother District Council Electoral Register, there are 985 electors in Peasmarsh.

**Future projects** –

- **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** - The PC agreed to put £4,500 aside for the replacement of the 40mph VAS near Church Lane. The Clerk to also investigate whether this would be eligible for Dungeness Power Station's grants scheme.
- **PC website** - The PC agreed to move the hosting and management of their website to the same company which manages their emails – Netwise. There is a one-off fee of £699 but following this it will cost £440 per year plus £50 per year for the registration of the .gov.uk domain name. Another company, Aubergine was also looked at by the Clerk but it was felt that it was better to have the website and emails managed by the same company as they had provided good support to the Clerk so far.
- **Community Events** – new budget line added to include Christmas lights for a donated tree.

RK said that Stephen Jempson had kindly donated a tree to put on the layby near the junction to Jempsons. RK said that she would be decorating the tree with second-hand decorations and would purchase some battery-operated lights. MG to find out the type of lights that Beckley Parish Council has used on their village tree. The PC agreed

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to donate the remaining S137 donations budget of £100 in FY25-26 towards the decorations.

- **Skate Park** – The PC asked the Clerk to find out the costs involved in replacing the Skate Park and the amount of money spent on the skate park in the last few years since the Parish Council has taken over the responsibility for it. Clerk to look at the cost of replacing the two skate park bins for ease of use/cleaning.

**163. Dates of forthcoming meetings:** Wednesday 7th January, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.

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