BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL A meeting of Broomfield Parish Council's Financial & General Purposes Committee was held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Council Office, Broomfield Village Hall, 158 Main Road, Broomfield Members' Present: Chairman Councillor Barnes Vice Chairman Councillor Garwood Councillors Blake; Jones; Smith; Tranquada Also Present Mrs K Hurrell (Clerk) Mrs W Martin (Deputy Clerk) Public Question Time: No members of public were present. 283. Apologies for absence No apologies were received. Councillor Daden did not attend the meeting. 284. **Declarations of Interest** Councillors Barnes, Blake, Garwood, Jones, Smith and Tranquada were granted a Dispensation by the Clerk to discuss setting of the Parish Precept under Minute Number 13 (a) at the 20th May 2015 Annual Council Meeting. Councillor Jones & Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 285 c) Consideration of budgets for 2016/17 Precept to be taken to full Parish Council 285. for approval:-Councillor Blake gave a short report and update on the Broomfield Football Club planning application then left the meeting. To consider Income and Expenditure Budgets for all Committees a. The following budgets were considered and it was agreed to set the following amounts: (see attached sheets: **Expenditure for 2016/17:** Civic Amenities £ 35,350 Allotments £ 1.050 General Administration £102,606 **Total Expenditure** £134,006 **Income for 2016/17** Civic Amenities £ 3,164 Allotment £ 1,500 General Administration £ 40,268 **Total Income** £ 44,932 b. Review of Earmarked Reserves A review of all Earmarked Reserves was undertaken and it was noted that the current Reserves stand at £198,707.86 (which includes Public Works Board Loan Reserve of £159,764.55). Playground Equipment £ 7,575.37

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New & Replacement Machinery	£ 350.00

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General Barn Maintenance

Standpipe Replacement	£ 2,000.00
Tree Maintenance	£ 500.00
Office Equipment	£ 2,000.00
Car Park Maintenance (public section of Village Hall Car Park)	£ 1,469.00
Strategy Reserve	£ 3,439.68
History & Heritage	£ 2,454.86
Professional Fees	£ 2,115.00
Annual Events	£ 3,285.00
PWB Balance Loan Reserve	£159,764.55
Total Earmarked Reserves	£198,707.86

It was agreed to add the following to the Earmarked Reserves:

Plus additional Earmarked Funds:	
Office Equipment	£ 1,000
Car Park Maintenance	£ 1,531
Election costs (2019)	£ 1,000
125 Years of Broomfield PC (2019)	£ 500
Training	£ 2,000
Total additional Earmarked Funds:	£ 6,031
TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES	£204,738.86

c. To receive Grant Applications

Four Grant Applications had been received to be considered:

Broomfield Football Club £85,000 towards cost of building new Clubhouse:

Councillor Blake advised that he did not think that the Parish Council can consider the Broomfield Football Club's Grant Application at the present time. They have not received planning permission to re-build their clubhouse to-date and therefore all Members agreed that this application can be deferred and that the Parish Council must deal with the planning application; the possibility of purchasing the land on which the current clubhouse stands upon and then consider the Grant Application in due course.

ACTION: Clerk to inform BFC of decision to defer for further consideration St Mary's w St Leonard Parish Church £1,500 maintaining churchyard:

This was discussed and it was agreed to obtain further information before reconsideration of this application.

ACTION: Clerk to request details of what the previous Grant of £1,500 had been spent on during 2015/16 by 16.12.15

Broomfield Village Hall Charity – 2 applications £500 – finance assistance for the Annual Village Games & Fun Day & £2501.57 to provide a hearing loop, projector & screen and re-decorate Broomfield Village Hall

These two grant applications were fully supported.

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d.	Calculation of draft Precept for 2016/17 to present to full Parish Council for approval	
	It was resolved to recommend the Precept for 2016/17 be set at £100,105 which is a reduction of £10,695 on 2015/16 Precept. The effect on Band D properties is calculated at £51.89 (this may be subject to slight change by Chelmsford City Council) which is a reduction of approximately £6.61 on last year's figure.	
	ACTION: Clerk to recommend Precept amount to full PC Meeting on 16.12.15	
e.	Copy of 5 Year Projected Reserves at July 2015 & review of Parish Council's overall finances	
	These were noted.	
286.	Any other business for discussion purposes and referral to next meeting	
	There was no other business for discussion and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m.	

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