



9 December 2015

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee will be held at the Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford at 10:00 am on Tuesday 15 December 2015. You are invited to attend for consideration of the matters shown on the agenda.

Yours sincerely

Peter Harrison
Town Council Manager/Clerk

To: All Members of the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Meeting held on 16 December 2014 (Enclosed – pages 1 to 4 (White))
4. Report of the Town Council Manager/Clerk
 - a. Estimates of Income and Expenditure – 2016-17

With regard to the level of Precept information is attached from the Head of Finance at Cannock Chase Council (Enclosed page 1 (Yellow))

To consider estimates of income and expenditure 2016-17 and make recommendations thereon to the Full Council (Enclosed pages 2 to 3 (Yellow))

Section 137 Expenditure

NALC advise that the Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for parish councils for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for 2015-2016 was **£7.20** per elector (approx. £94,442) and is likely to remain at a similar amount for 2016-17

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S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 is a general power for parish councils to do something of benefit for the community. The expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit to the community (It cannot be used to spend money on an individual).

Where the Council precept is more than £140,000 there is a requirement for Town and Parish Council's to formally publicise the budget

b. Applications for Financial Assistance

For the year 2015-16 the Town Council agreed to include in its budget the sum of £10,200 for grants/donations

Up to date £5000 has been awarded (CAB)

The Town Council is requested to consider the following requests that have also been received (Enclosed pages 1 to 50 (Pink))

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| a) AFC Greenheath ¹ | (Pages 1-4) |
| b) Cannock Chase Community First Responder Vehicle | (Pages 5-6) |
| c) Chase Parkinson's Group | (Pages 7-10) |
| d) Hednesford Town FC Supporters Club | (Pages 11-24) |
| e) Katharine House Hospice ² | (Pages 25-26) |
| f) MASE Group ³ | (Pages 27-46) |
| g) Staffordshire Women's Aid | (Pages 47-50) |

1 Received £500 in 2014-15

2 Received £500 in 2014-15

3 Received £200 in 2014-15

In determining the award of any financial assistance the guiding principle is that in the opinion of the Council it is in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or part of it, or some of them

c. Town Centre Christmas Event

Arrangements are being made for a debriefing meeting for all interested parties in respect of the event held on 4 December. In the meantime members are requested to consider recognising the contribution of the various participants:

West Hill Primary School
Hednesford Valley High
Redhill Primary School
St. Peter's Primary School
Pye Green Academy
Kingsmead Technology College
Staffordshire University Academy
Lions
Burntwood Rotary

Littleton Green Community School
Cannock Chase High

The organisation of the event was greatly facilitated by the efforts of volunteers from the Heart of Hednesford Restoration Project, The Friends of Hednesford Park and Hednesford in Partnership and members may also wish to consider if they should also be recognised in some way

5. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman to move "That the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

6. PR, Marketing and Website Support

The Chairman will report on the outcome of negotiations regarding terms for the provision of PR, marketing and website support