Minutes for the Precept Meeting of Red Lodge Parish Council held on 27th November 2015 at the Millennium Centre, Red Lodge, commencing at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr Angie Sewell Chair
Cllr Carol Downs Vice Chair
Cllr Tim Burrows
Cllr Debbie Rankin

Welcome and apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Clare Bloomfield
Apologies were received from Steve Cash the Parish Clerk

Declarations of interest and Applications for Dispensation:

None received.

Guest Speakers or Reports

None

Public Questions on any items on the Agenda and opportunity to raise Agenda items for future Meetings.

A member of the public raised their concerns over Agenda Item No 5 (Anaerobic Digestion Plant)
To discuss and set the Precept for the Financial Year 2016 / 17

Cllr Angela Sewell to explain the breakdown of the Precept figures

Cllr Sewell referred to the budget and compared it with previous years.

It was discussed why money was set aside again for elections (£3,000) as the council do not need to keep doing that.

It was noted that the Council is still 4 members short and therefore it was decided to keep this amount In.

The Parish Clerk is to speak to the Electoral Officer at FHDC to get advice on the best way forwards for the council. Co-Option is an option and does not cost any money.

It was suggested the vacancies could be advertised in the Turnpike magazine.

It was noted that the circulation of the Turnpike was poor which might be due to the fact that it is done by volunteers, maybe put copies in the Millennium Centre and Sports Pavilion.

It was noted that there is money in the reserves for Street Light replacement.

The amount of money put into the Precept for the Clerk and Keeper salaries was reduced

It was noted that the Council Tax Support Grant (band D) was reduced from £70:05 to £62:88

It was noted that the percentage decrease was – 10:24%

It was explained by a member of the public that the proposed Neighborhood Plan would be a costly Exercise without giving the Parish much in the way of benefits. There have been consultations in the past that have been attended by members of the public

The General Public were satisfied with the proposed Precept figures so the necessary paperwork was signed by the Chair (Cllr Angela Sewell)
Planning Applications:

Application No: DC/15/2109/FUL
Location: Bay Farm, Worlington Suffolk.
Applicant: Strutt & Parker Farms Ltd/Upton Suffolk Farms Ltd.

There is a forthcoming visit being undertaken by Cllr Angela Sewell and parish Clerk Steve Cash on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 11:30 am, to a similar AD Plant at Euston

The council and the majority of the public who attended the meeting object to the above planning Application for reasons below.
The increase in the volume of traffic
Oder / Smells emanating from the plant
Accidental spillage
How is Slurry transferred from farm to farm
Number of vehicles / type of vehicles?

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Red Lodge Parish Council scheduled for Tuesday 12th January 2016, at the Red Lodge Millennium Centre commencing at 7 pm.

Confirmed.

Signed: Date:

Chair Person of Red Lodge Parish Council
Any Other Business:

Should the Council Co-Opt or have an Election to get more people on the Parish Council. Could the Council get something in the Turnpike magazine or on Facebook.

A member of the public asked for future meetings when a summons was posted on a notice board could a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting also be posted. Also could they be put on the Facebook community page.

A member of the public living opposite Bellflower Crescent complained about car headlights shining into her house and asked about the possibility of erecting fencing or extending the tree line.

A member of the public asked if the Clerk could contact the Turnpike Magazine to express the Council’s concern over the lack of circulation.

Turnpike magazine to be made available at the Red Lodge Post Office.

The Meeting was closed at 8:20 pm.