

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL –
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30pm
AT WINTERTON HALL, PLAISTOW**

Present: Mr D. Lugton (In the Chair), Mr S. East, Mr J. Kirby, Mrs P. Ryder,
and Mr D. Wheeler

Also present: Mr T. Laidlaw and Mr D. Ribbens

Comments and questions from the public

There were no members of the public present.

100/09 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

101/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kirby declared a Personal Interest in matters relating to Plaistow Youth Club, including the Multi Courts, as he was a member of the Youth Club Committee

102/09 Draft Budget 2009/2010

Members noted receipt of the first draft Budget estimate, together with the supporting notes. There were opposing views on what the level of the Precept should be. Some Members considered that the Precept should not be reduced, whilst others felt that in the current economic climate, Council should seek to limit, wherever possible, expenditure on items that were not of direct benefit to the community.

The draft Budget figures were discussed in detail, line by line, with particular reference to those items listed under Administration. Concerns were expressed that some expenditure figures were being carried forward from the previous year's Budget, when in that year the allocation had not been spent in full.

Following lengthy discussion of the first draft Budget, the following recommendations are made to Council –

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. That the quotation from Garden Care (Southern) Ltd. Be accepted for grass cutting in the sum of £1896 for 2009; £1944 for 2010 and £1982 for 2011.

2. That the current level of the **Election Reserve** of £2044 be retained as an Election Reserve for May 2011 and 'topping up' the Reserve be considered in January 2011
3. That the level of contribution to the **Community Reserve Fund** for 2009/2010 be £618
4. That the level of contribution to the **Village Maintenance Reserve Fund** for 2009/2010 be £4179
5. **Capital Projects for 2009/2010**
That these be agreed as follows –

Community Directory	650
Drainage of the Green (on going Reserve)	2000
Duck House for pond	500
Tree Work	250
6. **Precept requirement for 2009/2010**
That, based on brought forward Reserves and the draft Budget, the level of the Precept be £25,000

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Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th April 2009 at 7.30pm at Winterton Hall, Plaistow

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Post Meeting Note

It was subsequently established that there was an error in the provided figures, where the figure of £4478, identified as a surplus at 31.3.2008 was, in fact a deficit of £1157, which would affect the recommended Precept figure of £25,000.

An explanatory note was sent to all Councillors identifying the error and identifying a range of possible solutions for discussion at the Council meeting to be held on 13th January 2009.