

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL –  
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 AT  
7.30pm AT KELSEY HALL, IFOLD**

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

Also present: Mr B. Gravestock

**Comments and questions from the public**

There were no members of the public present.

**122/09 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

**123/09 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

**124/09 Refinement of the Budget for 2009/2010**

Mr Lugton summarised the current position. It was noted that the Precept for 2009/2010 had been agreed at £28,200 and that after the error had been discovered it was noted that the Precept would have had to be higher to maintain the level of General Reserves at 25% of budgeted expenditure.

The Chairman commented that the purpose of this meeting was to consider three options –

- (a) leaving the Budget as is and consequently reducing the Reserves by £2100; or
- (b) saving the whole £2100 by trimming areas within the Budget;  
or
- (c) a combination of both of these options

In the ensuing discussion, Members noted that a Duck House had been donated to the village. It was also considered that with regard to drainage work on The Green, this would not be an immediate area of work and that approaches should also be made to the National Trust.

It was noted that the removal of the drainage project and £400 from the provision of a Duck House (leaving £100 for installation) would give a deficit, which was acceptable for Council Reserves.

Following further discussion

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

- (a) That the Budget provision of £2000 for drainage be removed from the Earmarked Reserves - Projects section
- (b) That the Budget provision in the Earmarked Reserves – Projects section for a Duck House be reduced to £100, to cover installation costs

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**That the refined Budget for 2009/2010 be approved**

**125/09**

**Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm at Winterton Hall, Plaistow**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm