

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of the Stours Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 27th January 2014 in East Stour Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), R Cowan, Mrs B Edwards, Mrs V Jones, D Little, Miss H O'Sullivan, Mrs E Newton, J Parker, M Ratcliffe, Mrs E Scott, Mrs P Sealy and Mrs C Wilkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox.

2014/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Mrs D Chard, P Gould, G Herring, T Jones and Lady A Stagg.

2014/25 TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2014/15

Cllr Cowan addressed the members present. He went through the commentary and the figures on the spreadsheet (these had previously been circulated by e-mail). He and the Clerk had worked together to produce the figures. It is estimated that the required precept is £13201. There are some minor adjustments to the previous figures produced at the meeting on 14th January 2014, but nothing material. There is approximately an increase of £1600 for 2014/15 which includes a £2500 contingency. Cllr Ratcliffe asked whether the 30% increase to last year would be queried by outside agencies. 'It is unlikely that the parish council precept will be subject to referendum. Even if the percentage precept rise exceeds the government's limit it is unlikely to exceed the minimum 'cash' increase which has been suggested as £70 per annum per band D property.'

It is acceptable to have a balance between 3 and 12 months expenditure.

It was agreed that we set a precept of £13500 for the Stours Group parish council, and for the following parishes: - East Stour - £5000, Stour Provost - £4500, Todber – £690 and West Stour - £750 (which were agreed at their respective parish meetings).

Proposed by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Chairman.....Date.....