

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
BUDGET MEETING  
12 January 2010**

Committee Members present: Cllrs J Tucker (Chairman), Mrs B Brown (Vice Chairman),  
C Block, B Garlick, D Keeley, Miss Moloney,  
L Withey

Council Members present: Cllrs J Atkins, Mrs D Crook, Mrs B Keeley, Ms K Woolley  
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Mr P Hickmott, Mr D Laverty

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs S Boakes and D Brown.
2. Declaration of Interests  
Cllrs Mrs D Crook and Miss A Moloney – Snodland Community Association.
3. Questions from the Public
  - 3.1 Mr Hickmott reported that he had turned the water off at Sloughfields Allotments when called in on Christmas Eve as there had been a major leak. He will repair this when the weather improves, but suggested the water be left switched off until March/April.
  - 3.2 Mr Hickmott asked about the change in the fees for hall bookings at the Town Hall. The Clerk explained the changes.
4. To agree the budget for 2010–2011 and any changes to charges
  - 4.1 The Chairman went through the summary of payments and receipts and reported a proposed increase of £2.99 in Council Tax on Band D Properties. Cllr Miss Moloney explained that the main reasons for the increase were:  
The need to continue to contribute to the Snodland Partnership at a cost of £5000  
Contribution towards the refurbishment of the All Weather Pitch £5000  
Preparing to extend the cemetery £5000  
Cllr Mrs Brown proposed to accept the budget, seconded by Cllr B Garlick.  
A vote was taken and 10 Councillors For  
1 Councillor Against

RECOMMENDED to accept the proposed budget for 2010/11 and a precept of £227986.

  - 4.2 Due to the loss of bookings from some of the regular groups it was proposed to change charges and invite them back.  
Proposed by Cllr Miss Moloney and seconded by Cllr Keeley  
RECOMMENDED a discount of 25% reduction for one off bookings and 50% on block bookings for charities. No change in other booking prices for the year 2010/11.  
RECOMMENDED no increase to fees at the All Weather Pitch until the refurbishment is carried out.  
Cllr Atkins explained the proposed changes to the Cemetery charges.  
RECOMMENDED to accept the change to the Cemetery charges for 2010/11.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm