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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on TUESDAY 23RD MARCH, 2004 IN THE HOBBIES ROOM, VILLAGE CENTRE

PRESENT:

Cllr. P. Bowley	Cllr. E. Crafter
Cllr. T. Hall – Chairman	Cllr. A. Hildrew
Cllr. J. Malzer	Cllr. R. Martin
Cllr. B. Page	Cllr. R. Radford

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
2 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. J Crick & Dist. Cllr. Williamson

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

3. **REVIEW OF THE COST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2004/5**

The projects for which money had been allowed in the precept calculation for 2004/5 were discussed in order to determine what monies might be available for viring to other headings. The money allowed for the drainage work on the Recreation Ground now seems to be in excess of what will be needed for the work which will be proposed for agreement at the next meeting of the Council.

4. **TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO PUT IN A BID FOR A COMMUNITY POLICE SUPPORT OFFICER.**

After discussion of the pros and cons of a PSCO the proposal that the Council should bid for one was put to the vote and by a majority of 6:2

RESOLVED: The council will bid for a CPSO

There was then discussion as to whether this should be for a full or part- time officer. The proposal that an officer be shared with Halstead if possible was carried.

RESOLVED: The Council will bid, with Halstead, for a CPSO. In the event that Halstead Parish Council decides it does not wish to go ahead the council will bid for a full-time officer.

The meeting was closed at 9.08 p.m.