

CODDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda Paper



Thursday 5th September 2017

Report to Council

Item 10. To **CONSIDER** a PROPOSAL to introduce a nil cost charging band for the letting of the Council's Community and Sports Hall for the sole purpose of conducting elections for Coddenham Parish Councillors. (Cllr Fowler)

Background.

The current method of charging for an election is as follows :-

- a. The parish charge MSDC for the hire of the hall.
- b. MSDC pay the Parish which is credited to the hall lettings account.
- c. MSDC send the parish a bill after the election for all of the services provided, including our charge to them.

A full breakdown of the cost of the November 2016 election was given in the minutes of the council meeting of February 2017. This occurs on page 496 as item 9 (a). The charge to MSDC was £471.60 although MSDC actually paid us £490.60.

The budget for year 2017/2018 for election costs is £6900. At the time of being set it was anticipated that there would be three elections during this period.

By reducing the Hall charges this budget can be reduced by £1414.80.

Clerks note: Further to discussions with MSDC regarding the level of charges these have subsequently be reduced to £102 per election and the area of letting restricted to the Foyer, Kitchen and Toilets. A further reduction to nil cost will have no effect on the Council's overall budget and analysis of the costs of the Community Hall will be clearer.

Proposal:

Council resolves to introduce a charging band into the scale of charges of the Council community and sports hall namely Letting the hall facilities for the sole purpose of conducting elections for Coddenham Parish Councillors and further resolves that the charge for such a letting be NIL.

Proposer: Cllr Fowler