

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of extraordinary meeting of the Town Council

On Wednesday 25th January 2017

Present Councillors K Garland (Chair), T Bishop, P Brember, J Cowley, D Hine, R Knapp, B Newton & J Wardell.

Absent Councillors: B Penfold

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There was 1 member of the public in attendance who expressed interest in the TC position on future development in Stalbridge. The Clerk offered an update outside the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from C Moore & G Carr-Jones.

2. Declarations of Interest.

It was previously resolved at the meeting 08.07.2015 to grant the Dispensations for all Councillors to allow them to discuss and vote on the setting of the Precept to apply until May 2019. As a new councillor B Newton did not need to apply for a dispensation as he does not have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

As a member of the Playingfields Management Committee D Hine advise that she would abstain from the vote on item 5.

3. To receive information with regard to the Hub automatic doors and give further instruction.

The paper to Council was reviewed and members had received copies of the quotes prior to the meeting. It was understood that the option of creating a shaded rather than glass canopy had not been explored.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to take option B, powder coated aluminium doors with a Record DFA 127 mechanism for Openings.

Vote 8 for / 1 against / 1 abstention

4. To consider the information presented regarding the Council's financial position for the first 9 months of 2016-17 and predicted position at the end of the financial year.

Members had received the financial information prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to accept the figures presented regarding the Council's financial position for the first 9 months of 2016-17 and predicted position at the end of the financial year.

5. To consider the grant applications for the budget period 17/18 and give further instruction.

The following applications had been received: St Marys Church for churchyard grass cutting at £4,193.00. The Playingfields Management Committee for playingfields running costs at £1,600.00 & Life education Wessex to cover the costs of a 2 day visit to Stalbridge school at £630.00

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It was noted that the TC has previously committed a sum of £3,600 in allocated general reserves for the Youth Club of which £1,500 has been granted in 16.17.

The issue of a grant to the CAB was considered and it was felt that this should be deferred pending NDDC decision regarding funding.

Members would be very pleased to see representatives from the sports clubs that use the playingfields in attendance at the annual town meeting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to set a general grant fund of £12,000 and to allocate from the fund £3,000 to St Mary's PCC (Churchyard upkeep), £1,600 to the Playingfields Management Committee for Playingfields running costs, £315.00 to Life Education Wessex as a contribution to the costs of a 2 day visit to Stalbridge school & £1,500 to Stalbridge Youth Club for rent to the Hall.

D Hine abstained from the vote

- 6. To consider the figures presented for the budget period 17/18 in forecast income and give further instruction.**

Members had received the financial information prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the Budget period 17/18 in forecast income excluding the precept.

- 7. To consider the figures presented for the budget period 17/18 forecast payments and give further instruction.**

Members had received the financial information prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the Budget period 17/18 forecast payments.

- 8. To consider the figures set aside for capital, general allocated and non-allocated reserves and give further instruction.**

The forecast unallocated general reserve figure was noted and felt to be appropriate. The allocated capital and general reserves were considered.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for reserves.

- 9. To resolve the level of the precept 2017/2018.**

Members had received the financial information prior to the meeting. They discussed the increase in devolved functions from the District and County Councils and the potential of precept capping in future years.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make a precept demand for year 2017/18 of £106,500.00 which represents an increase of 21 pence per week on a band D property for the Town Councils part of the council tax.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Date: 8 February 2017

Signed: