



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Extraordinary Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of extraordinary Video Conference meeting held via Microsoft teams of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2021. Commencing after the Interim Planning Committee meeting held at 7 p.m.

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, M Dimmer, H Hatcher, R Lovell, B Benfold, M Robinson, R Roden, S Waite

Absent members: J Convoy (due to technical difficulties)

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

In attendance:

- No members of the public had requested access to the Video Conference meeting.
- G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor) was in attendance

1. Open Forum

No comments

2. To receive apologies

None

3. To receive declarations of interest & Requests for dispensations (Please notify the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

It was previously resolved at the meeting 05.06.2019 to grant the Dispensations for all Councillors to allow them to discuss and vote on the setting of the Precept to apply until May 2024.

The following pecuniary interest were declared : S Waite Item 8. St Mary PCC grant application. R Roden Item 8. Playing Fields trust grant application.

4. To purchase of a lap top for office use

K Garland

The Clerk explained the required specification and that the micro soft licence can be extended for the office package.

RESOLVED: To purchase a lap top for office use to the value of £700

5. Finance

a. To receive the quarterly financial report ending 31.12.20

Members had received the financial information and accompanying notes prior to the meeting. The cash book was verified against the current and deposit accounts to be signed at a later date.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the first 9 months of 2020-21.

6. To consider the information presented regarding the Council's financial position for the first 9 months of 2020-21 and predicted position at the end of the financial year.

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RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the first 9 months of 2020-21 and predicted position at the end of the financial year.

7. To consider the figures set aside for reserves (capital & general) and give further instruction.

It was noted that there would be a further review at year end

RESOLVED: To accept the figures set aside for reserves (capital & general) as present

8. To consider the grant applications for the budget period 20/21 and give further instruction.

It was noted that the 20.21 Youth Club grant had been allocated in general reserves for the 21.22 period, pending the club being able to re-open.

Applications received from:

Stalbridge Playingfields Trust For : Grounds / buildings upkeep & public liability insurance
Amount : £2,500

RESOLVED: Proposed an agreed to award a grant of £2,500 to the Stalbridge Playingfields Trust for the period 21.22 for the upkeep of grounds & buildings and to cover the public liability insurance.

M Robinson queried the increased electricity cost for 19.20. Clerk to clarify

R Roden & M Robinson abstained from the vote.

#Willdoes project For: Mobile provision of youth services
Amount : not specified

Members felt this project was too far away to benefit Stalbridge and that the Town Council already supports the provision of Youth Services in Stalbridge.

St Marys PCC Churchyard grass & hedge cutting
Amount £5,100.00

In his role as Church Warden s Waite explained that due to the nature of the job it is very difficult to find reliable and dependable contractors who are interested in the mowing contract for the Church yard and the PCC had not been able to provide any quotes for members review. Therefore he had

submitted an application with a 2% increase on the 20.21 grant and if there is any shortfall this will have be met by the Church.

RESOLVED: To make the following grants for the budget period 21/22:

- **Playingfields Management Committee £2,500 for building and grounds maintenance and public liability insurance.**

R Roden & M Robinson abstained from the Vote

- **St Marys PCC £5,100 for the period 21.22 for the Churchyard grass & hedge cutting.**

S Waite abstained from the vote.

9. **To consider the figures presented for the budget period 21/22 in forecast income and give further instruction.**

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the Budget period 21/22 in forecast income excluding the precept.

10. **To consider the figures presented for the budget period 21/22 forecast payments and give further instruction.**

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the Budget period 21/22 forecast payments.

11. **To resolve the level of the precept 2021/2022.**

It was noted that the tax base figure had reduced therefore the charge for those paying full Council tax had increased. The previously reviewed forecast income and expenditure was considered in relation to the tax base precept toolkit which illustrated the effect of any precept increase on a Band D Equivalent Charge.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make a precept demand for the period 21/22 of £126,500 a zero increase in value, which equates to an increase of £1.61 pence per annum or 16 pence per month over the ten month charging period on a Band D Equivalent Charge for the TC's part of the council tax.

Vote 5 for / 2 against. M Dimmer abstained from the vote

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Approved 03/02/21

Signed.....

Chairman

Date