

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of extraordinary meeting of the Town Council On Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Present Councillors K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, J Convoy, M Dimmer, H Hatcher, R Lovell, B Penfold, M Robinson, R Roden & S Waite

Absent Councillors: B Newton

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from B Newton.

2. Declarations of interest.

Peciniary: K Garland budget matters that relate to town Orderly Services. S Waite Item 8 in relation to the St Marys PCC grant application. R Roden Item 8 in relation to the The PF Management Committee grant application. R Lovell & J Convoy Item 8 in relation to the Hall Management Committee grant application.

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.

3. Finance

a) To approve the accounts as presented in annex 1b. For payment.

Fencewize	Hedge removal and fencing Jarvis Field	£2,994.00
Dorset Healthcare Occupational Health & Wellbeing Service,	Referral to OH physician	£124.00

RESOLVED: Proposed by H Hatcher, seconded S Waite and agreed to approve the payments as presented.

b) To receive the quarterly financial report ending 31.12.19

Members received information prior to the meeting. The cash book was verified against the current and deposit accounts and signed.

RESOLVED: To accept the quarterly financial report ending 31.12.20 as presented.

4. To consider the information presented regarding the Council's financial position for the first 9 months of 2019-20 and predicted position at the end of the financial year.

Members had received the financial information and accompanying notes prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the first 9 months of 2019-20 and predicted position at the end of the financial year amended to include the rent income from the milk machine.

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5. 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

6. To consider the figures presented for the budget period 20/21 in forecast income and give further instruction.

Members had received the financial information and accompanying notes prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the Budget period 20/21 in forecast income excluding the precept amended to include the rent income from the milk machine.

7. To consider the figures presented for the budget period 20/21 forecast payments and give further instruction.

Members had received the financial information and accompanying notes prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that the PWLB loan balance stood at £41,892.19 in November 2019 and the last payment is due on the 17th May 2026. The Clerk explained the use of expenditure under section 137. It was noted that as a new council there is a requirement for more training and since unitary travel to events to represent the council is often at a distance.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the Budget period 20/21 forecast payments excluding grants amended to increase the figure for members training & expenses.

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

The following applications had been received which included information and accounts which members had reviewed prior to the meeting:

Stalbridge Youth Club (Room hire rent to Stalbridge Hall), £1,500. Accounts had been supplied for the previous financial year which showed a small deficit of income over expenditure

The Playingfields Management Committee (running costs & PL insurance). £2,000. Accounts had been supplied for the previous financial year which showed a deficit of income over expenditure. It was understood that water bills have been high over the last 2 summers as it has been dry and in the next financial year they plan to repair the boundary fencing.

St Marys Church for Churchyard grass cutting £5,000. It was advised that in terms of other expenditure the parish share has increased.

Stalbridge Hall (New front doors) £4,000 Accounts and quotations had been provided. It was advised that the new hall doors were required to facilitate disabled access and improved security. Members were surprised to find that the quotation received with the grant was for non-automatic doors and in that circumstance declined to make the grant this financial year.

Stalbridge Hall MC (resurfacing of the main hall floor) £5,000. Accounts and quotations had been provided. It was understood that the floor is in urgent need of resurfacing.

It was noted that the applications totalled Total £17,500 and that in previous years the total grant fund has been £10,000.

RESOLVED: To make the following grants for the budget period 20/21:

Stalbridge Youth Club (Room hire rent to Stalbridge Hall) £1,500.

Playingfields Management Committee (running costs to include PL insurance). £2,000.

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R Roden abstained from the Vote

St Marys Church for Churchyard grass cutting £5,000.

S Waite abstained from the Vote

Stalbridge Hall MC (resurfacing of the main hall floor) £5,000.

R Lovell & J Convoy abstained from the Vote

9. To resolve the level of the precept 2020/2021.

The previously reviewed income and expenditure was considered in relation to the tax base precept toolkit which illustrated to 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 19/20 of £126,500 which equates to an increase of 56 pence per month over the ten month charging period on a Band D Equivalent Charge for the TC's part of the council tax.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

Date: 5 February 2020

Signed:

Chairman