

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL ON THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY 2022**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Graham Foster - In the Chair
Councillors A John, L Ellard, A Walster, M Ray, K Mullen, N Savage & K Medgett

Apologies: Cllr M Connors – Work
Cllr A Jamieson - Work
Cllr A Crump - Personal

Absent without Apologies:
Cllr K Toner
Cllr C Worsh

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Foster	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 21/03912/FUL Neighbour
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128. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

129. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

i) That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th November 2021, having previously been circulated, be confirmed, and signed by the Town Mayor.

ii) That the minutes of the recess meeting held on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 having previously been circulated be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor

130. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

No payments to consider

131. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2022 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.

21/03433/FUL 58 Stowe Drive

RESOLVED:

That following correspondence from the Planning Officer the Town Council withdraw their objection. That SDC should be advised accordingly

HS2OCW/00030/21

RESOLVED:

That this application is considered at the Town Council meeting on January 27th, 2022

132. TOWN CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

132.1 COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS

To consider the councillor application from Chris Lambert

RESOLVED:

i) To co-opt Chris Lambert to fill the councillor vacancy in the Browns Bridge Ward

132.2 PARISH TAX BASE

The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2021/2022 has been calculated at 3073.45.

Noted

132.3 BUDGET PROPOSALS

The proposed figures for the 2021/2022 budget were based on a 3.8% Consumer Prices Index. Where there was a clear need to revise the figure in light of current levels of expenditure, or known changes likely to occur, a new proposed figure was shown.

Noted

132.4 ELECTORATE

Latest statistics show that the electorate in Southam stands at 6265 Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limits a Council's expenditure on grants to £8.41 per elector a total of £52689 (based on 2021/22 limits) Southam Town Council's expenditure is well within this limit.

Noted

132.5 COUNCIL'S AIMS

The Council had agreed to the following aims that were taken into consideration in all policy matters:

1. To improve the service, it provides whilst ensuring best value
2. To work with others to improve safety, the environment and quality of life in the town, paying particular attention to the needs of vulnerable members of our community
3. To regularly and effectively consult the community
4. To promote the local economy

Noted

133. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2022/2023 after detailed discussions

RESOLVED:

To agree the figures proposed

134. REVIEW OF EARMARKED AND GENERAL RESERVES

RESOLVED: That any surplus on the following budget lines should be moved to earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year

Line 4. Legal Fees and Services

Line 11. Website Hosting to Office Ear-marked reserve

Line 15. Grange Hall Administrator, this line will be renamed Community Halls Administrator

Line 21. Conference/Training Fees

Line 22. Advertising
Line 24. Mayoral Regalia
Line 28. Southam Stories
Line 29. Trees
Line 34. CCTV
Line 36. Footpaths
Line 37. Repairs/inspections/replacements
Line 40. Roundabout Maintenance
Line 48. Section 137 Grants

135. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

There was no public to exclude

136. TOTAL BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the total budget is set at £282,610 that this will be offset by £6610 income in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 5.00%

137. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY

RESOLVED: That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £279200

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £90.84 which will be a £4.32 or 5.00 annual increase.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm