MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY 2015

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Mark Willoughby - In the Chair

Councillors J Soni, C Worsh, M Gaffney, D Smith, L Tasker, C Pratt,

V Shepherd, B Thomas, T Bromwich

Apologies: Cllr J Ward Personal

Cllr E Thornley Personal

District Cllr Andy Crump

PC J Cramp

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro, Mrs D Sanders,

124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Clerk had previously granted a dispensation to all Councillors to enable them to consider this matter.

Cllr L Tasker Non Pecuniary Lines 44 & 47

Reason Director VASA

Director Graham Adams Centre

Cllr J Soni Non Pecuniary Lines 47 & 48

Reason Director Graham Adams Centre

Member Christmas Lights Committee

Cllr D Smith Non Pecuniary Lines 39 & 48

Member Grange Hall Committee Member Christmas Lights Committee

125. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

126. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 27th November 2014, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor

127. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

None

128. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

PARISH TAX BASE The provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2015/2016 had been calculated at £2163.22 Noted

129. BUDGET PROPOSALS

The proposed figures for the 2015/2016 budget were based on a 1.3% inflation allowance. 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**

130. ELECTORATE

Latest statistics showed that the electorate in Southam stands at 5221. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limited a Council's expenditure on grants to £7.36 per elector a total of £38427. **Noted**

131. 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

132. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2015/2016

<u>RESOLVED</u>: To agree the figures proposed subject to the following amendments:

132.1 ITEM 47 SOUTHAM YOUTH SERVICES

RESOLVED: to set a budget of £1605 for this item

132.2 GENERAL RESERVES

RESOLVED: to increase the proposed expenditure from General Reserves to £5715

132.3 MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

RESOLVED: i) that in 2015 the unused balance of the Mayoral Account should be given to the Mayor's Charity ii) that from 2016 onward a cap of 50% of the total Mayoral Allowance is placed on the amount given to charity and any remainder should be reserved for the following year. iii) the charity to benefit must provide a significant benefit to Southam.

132.4 REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES

<u>RESOLVED</u>: i) 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 & Services

Line 5 Neighbourhood Plan

Line 12 Computer Systems Replacement

Line 26 Elections

Line 30 Salt Litter & Dog Bins

Line 31 Dog Fouling Enforcement

Line 34 Repairs Inspections and Replacement

Line 38 War Memorial Line 42 Street Lights Columns & Repairs Line 43 Grasscutting

133. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was moved and

<u>RESOLVED</u>: That pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded from the meeting because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

134. PROPOSED BUDGET 2015/2016 SALARIES

<u>RESOLVED</u>: To agree the figures proposed for the salary lines 12a to 15 inclusive

135. TOTAL BUDGET

<u>RESOLVED</u>: That the total budget is set at £187577 that this will be offset by £1860 income and £5360 from General Reserves in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 1.31%

136. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY

RESOLVED: That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £180357 minus Council Tax Support Grant of £15750 giving a total of £164607

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £76.09 which will be a £0.98 or 1.31% annual increase.

The meeting closed at 8:25

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	204419045	977	Expenditure	& Forecast	Received	Receipts	Budget	Budget
CENERAL	6102/4102	‡	51,03,13	01.00.13	30.11.14	as (@ 31.03.13		0107/0107
Management								
1 Contribution to Grange Hall	1715	912	950	1862			-147	1887
2 Audit Fee	736	720		720			16	746
3 Insurance	3817	0	3817	3817			0	3817
4 Legal Fees & Services	4500	23	1643	1666			2834	2000
5 Neighbourhood Plan	3000	0	0	0			3000	1000
6 Telephone/fax/email	1881	1288	593	1881	:		0	1905
7 Postage	1001	200	501	1001			0	200
8 Office	1822	1267	635	1902	80		0	1846
9 Bank Charges	300	194	106	300			0	320
10 Intruder Alarm	343	649	48	697	354		0	348
11 Web Site Maintenance	512	472	40	512			0	519
12 Computer Systems Replacement	1000	0	0	0		0	1000	1000
Total Management	20627	6025	8333	14358	434	0	6703	15888
Salaries								
Salaries	46187	38611	19857	58467	6210	6828	759	47418
16 Travelling Expenses	350	92	180				82	400
Total Salaries & Expenses	46537	38702	20037	58739	6210	6829	837	47818
Information								
17 Newsletter	1790	1035	755	1790			0	1790
18 Stationery	749	461	528	686	111	130	0	759
19 Membership Associations	1927	1259	899	1927			0	1740
20 Conference/Training Fees	300	70	70	140			160	450
21 Advertising	0	181	200	381			-381	400
Total Information	4766	3006	2221	5227	111	130	-220	5139
Mayoral								
22 Allowance	2241	2241		2241			0	2270
23 Regalia	220	115	105				0	223
Total Mayoral	2461	2356	105	2461	0	0	0	249
Miscellaneous								
24 Not in use	0	0	0	0			0	0
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26 Elections	2000	100	O	100			1900	0
Total Miscellaneous	2000	100	0	100	0	0	1900	0
TOTAL GENERAL	76391	50189	30696	80885	6755	6923	9220	71338
Recreation & Amenities								
27 Natural Ammenity/ Burial Space							0	12000
27a Mayfield Rent	650	650		650				0
28 Trees	2000	380	4620	2000			0	2000
29 Holywell	100	100		100			0	4200
30 Salt/Litter/Dog Bins	1000	320		320			680	0
31 Dog Fouling Enforcement	200	0	0				200	0
32 Mop Fair	0	0		0			0	0
33 CC I V	3848	7095		7090			96	3825
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	2014/2015	30.11.14	31.03.15	31.03.15	30.11.14	as @ 31.03.15	0	2015/2016
Total Recreation & Amenities	11198	5302	4620	9922	0	0	1276	32052
Maintenance & Repairs:								
34 Repairs/inspections/replacemts	10000	2208	7792	10000			0	10000
35 Town Development	0			0			0	0
36 Grounds Maintenance Services	9320	5337	3983	9320			0	9528
37 Hire of portable toliets	327	320	0	320			7	320
38 War Memorial	200			0	0	0	200	1000
Total Maintenance & Repairs	20147	7865	11775	19639	0	0	208	20848
TOTAL RECREATION & AMENITIES	31345	13167	16395	29561	0	0	1784	52900
The Grange Hall								
39 Capital Expenditure	2000	2000		2000			0	1000
Total Grange Hall	2000	2000	0	2000	0	0	0	1000
Street Lighting								
40 Maintenance	1927		1815	1815			112	1939
41 Supply of Electricity	7718	4249	2865	7114			604	7718
2 Columns & Repairs	25000	0	21354	21354			3646	8400
Total Street Lighting	34645	4249	26035	30283	0	0	4362	18057
Grasscutting								
43 Grasscutting & Churchyard Maintenance	21000	13524	4826	18350			2650	19032
Total Grass Cutting	21000	13524	4826	18350	0	0	2650	19032
Community Grants								
44 VASA Transport Support	3000	3000		3000			0	7500
45 Section 137 grants	12000	7449	3802	11250			750	12000
46								
47 Southam Youth Services	0			0			0	1605
48 Southam Christmas Lights	2250	3000		3000			-750	2250
49 Southarn in Bloom	0622	0622	0000	0622	•		0	2250
Iotal Community Grants	00081	12699	3802	00C&L	9	D	D	25605
TOTAL OTHER	77145	35471	34662	70133	0	0	7012	63694
GRAND TOTAL	184881	98827	81752	180580	6755	6929	18015	187932
Income								
50 Parish Pound	-850							-850
51 Interest	-1635							-1010
Total Income	-2485	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1860
Reserves	-4510							-5715
GRAND TOTAL	177886	98827	81752	180580	6755	6929	18015	180357
Council Tax Reduction Grant	-18230			N.B. SDC has	s reduced the	SDC has reduced the support grant by £2480	by £2480	-1575(
PRECEPT	159656							164607
Tax Base	2125.72							2163.22
Bend D	£75.11					- 11		£76.09
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