

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 9th JANUARY 2020

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Mike Brooks - In the Chair
Councillors A Jamieson, A John, L Ellard, E Thornley, G Foster, C Worsh,
M Connors, A Walster, K Toner, M Ray & H Wilson

Apologies: Cllr A Crump
Cllr T Bromwich

Absent without Apologies:
None

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro & Miss L Hextall

101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

102. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

103. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th November 2019, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

Minutes of the 19th December 2019 Recess Meeting
Noted

104. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated January 2020, totalling £1270.72 (details attached) be authorised.

105. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

105.1 Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2020 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

106. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT
PARISH TAX BASE

The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2019/2020 has been calculated at £2789.65.

Noted

107. BUDGET PROPOSALS

The proposed figures for the 2020/2021 budget were based on a 1.5% 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

108. ELECTORATE

Latest statistics showed that the electorate in Southam stands at 5636. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limited a Council's expenditure on grants to £8.32 per elector

Noted

109. 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

110. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2020/2021 after detailed discussions

RESOLVED: To agree the figures proposed apart from line 25 Town Centre Development that should be increase to £5k

111. 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 6 Telephone

Line 24 Mayoral Regalia

Line 26 Fields Farm Solar

Line 27 Elections

Line 30 Holywell

Line 34 CCTV

Line 42 Grange Hall Capital Expenditure

Line 48 Section 137 Grants

Line 51 Southam Christmas Lights

Line 52 Southam in Bloom

112. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

It was moved and

RESOLVED: 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 to be transacted

113. TOTAL BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the total budget is set at £247,209 that this will be offset by £6000 income and £5000 from General Reserves in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 1.93%

114. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY

RESOLVED: That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £236,209

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £84.67 which will be a £1.60 or 1.93% annual increase.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm