

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD A VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MS TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY 2021

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Graham Foster - In the Chair
Councillors A Jamieson, A John, L Ellard, A Walster, M Ray, K Mullen, J Carson

Apologies: Cllr M Connors – Work
Cllr N Griffin-Taylor – Personal
Cllr C Worsh - Work
Cllr A Crump

Absent without Apologies:
Cllr K Toner

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro & Miss L Hextall

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

151. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

152. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

i) That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th November 2020, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

ii) That the minutes of the recess meeting held on Friday 18th December 2020 having previously been circulated be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor

iii) That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 23rd December 2020 having previously been circulated and signed by the Town Mayor

153. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

No payments to consider

154. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2021 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.

RESOLVED:

20/02727/FUL Butlin Hill Cottage Woodbine Hill, Leamington Road, Southam, CV47 2DL

Single Storey Side Kitchen Extension and render to whole property

No representations

155. TOWN CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

155.1 COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS

To consider applications from Nadia Savage and Keith Medgett

RESOLVED:

i) To co-opt Nadia Savage to fill the councillor vacancy in the Mill Hill Ward

ii) That Keith Medgett is co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Southam Fields Ward if the council is in a position to fill the vacancy via co-option once the Casual Vacancy has concluded.

155.2 PARISH TAX BASE

The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2020/2021 has been calculated at £2939.71.

Noted

155.3 BUDGET PROPOSALS

The proposed figures for the 2021/2022 budget were based on a 0.7% 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

155.4 ELECTORATE

Latest statistics show that the electorate in Southam stands at 5975 Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limits a Council's expenditure on grants to £8.32 per elector a total of £46891 (based on 2020/21 limits) Southam Town Council's expenditure is well within this limit.

Noted

155.5 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

156. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2021/2022 after detailed discussions

RESOLVED:

To agree the figures proposed

157. 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 1. Contribution to The Grange Hall

Line 4. Legal Fees and Services

Line 6. Rename Line to Telephone and Broadband

Line 7. Postage
Line 9. No longer in use
Line 12. Rename line to IT
Line 15. Rename line to Grange Hall Administrator
Line 15a. New line - Deputy Clerk/Communications Officer
Line 17. Travelling Expenses
Line 18. Newsletter
Line 19. No longer in use
Line 22. Advertising
Line 24. Mayoral Regalia
Line 25. Town Centre Development
Line 26. No longer in use
Line 28. New line – Southam Stories
Line 30. Holy Well
Line 32. New line – Flying Fields Community Hall
Line 34. CCTV
Line 35. Now is Hire of Portable Toilets
Line 36. Footpaths
Line 40. Renamed Roundabout Maintenance
Line 42. Grange Hall Capital Expenditure
Line 47. Volunteer Transport Scheme
Line 49. CAB Grant LGA 1972s2A Power to Provide Information and Advice
Line 50. Southam Youth Services

158. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

There was no public to exclude

159. TOTAL BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the total budget is set at £265,339 that this will be offset by £6000 income in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 4.19%

160. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY

RESOLVED: That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £259,339

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £88.22 which will be a £3.55 or 4.19% annual increase.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm