

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7.00 pm
Held remotely via Zoom due to the current pandemic

Present: Councillors: A Gill (Chairman), P Joslin, S Rose, A Joolia, D Wellbelove, A Everitt and I Giddings.

In attendance: Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

None.

1. **To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
 Apologies were received from District Cllr Chamberlain.
- 1.1 **To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda**
 Cllrs Gill, Joslin, and Wellbelove declared an interest in the precept setting as residents and Council Tax payers, and declared the existence of their dispensations. Cllr Rose declared a pecuniary interest in items 4&5 as a council tax payer and the existence of his dispensation allowing him to both speak and vote. Cllrs Giddings, Joolia and Everitt declared an interest in the precept setting as residents and Council Tax payers.
- 1.2 **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)**
 None.
- 1.3 **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**
 Cllrs Joolia, Giddings and Everitt verbally requested dispensations to enable them to speak and vote in the setting of the budget and the precept.
 RESOLVED to grant dispensations to Cllrs Joolia, Giddings and Everitt and that the members should complete their written requests retrospectively given the pandemic
(Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)
2. **To review the budget for financial year ending 31 March 2021 against receipts and payments and to consider any outstanding projects or spending and to make arrangements for these and to consider and earmark any reserves**
3. **To consider a draft budget based on historic costs and existing contracts for FY2022 and proposals by Councillors including:**
 - 3.1 **Cllr Joslin proposal for a barrier at Millers Way**
 - 3.2 **Highways and Road Safety Working Group proposals**
 - 3.3 **Cllr Joolia proposals**
 On a proposal by the Chairman items 2 and 3 were taken together. The estimated baseline budget of £26,390 prepared by the Clerk based on historic spending and contracts in place was reviewed along with the current earmarked reserves. The Clerk declared an interest in the Salaries and Admin Support budgets and left the meeting at 7.13 pm whilst these were discussed. The Clerk re-joined the meeting at 7.29 pm.
 RESOLVED that the draft figures and notes on the budget be updated at the meeting in line with discussions and additional amounts.

 RESOLVED to earmark at the financial year end (FYE) any under-spend in the Special Projects and Community Centre Operating and Fit-Out Costs budgets.

 RESOLVED to note that:

- £15,000 was included in the as yet to be received S106 money from the Meridian Fields development for maintenance of the streetlights in Main Street which the Parish Council had agreed to maintain.
- The PHFI gates are to be funded from the Meridian Fields S106 money when received.
- The Community Centre build was expected to start at the end of 2021 or 2022.
- Cllr Rose will check with James Fisher the net expected receipt of S106 funds from Meridian Fields as another trigger date was thought to have passed.

RESOLVED that with the current earmarked Special Projects (18) £5000, the FY21 Special Projects £9374 there was £14274 available this year or available as earmarked funds next year that could be spent towards projects proposed in items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

RESOLVED to budget an additional £6000 for Special Projects in FY22.

RESOLVED to earmark £2000 from the Special Projects budget for the LHI bid 2020-21 for Cambridge Road.

RESOLVED that as the work by RH Landscapes on the Millennium Way is outstanding he should be chased.

RESOLVED to find out from Claire McGowan if there are funds left over from the play parks project. These are to be used towards the overspend of £421.43.

Pitch hire - during lockdown 1 there was no football but it resumed. The Government had indicated it would re-introduce sports when safe. RESOLVED to invoice the Adults' Football Club for FY2021.

The Pavilion had shut down during lockdown 1 then partly reopened. During lockdown 2 there were restricted hours then it closed again. Thus it had opened for 30-40% of normal hours.

.RESOLVED having reviewed the existing general reserves policy and limits that this should be between 1 to 2 times general expenditure (precepted expenditure; doesn't include S106 or reserves spending).

RESOLVED having reviewed when the adults Football Club would have been able to play during the year to invoice them as usual for the current FY.

RESOLVED Cllr Rose declared a personal interest as a member of the HSSC, the Parish Council having reviewed the rent received from the Pavilion that anticipated income for FY22 be shown in the budget as £2000.

RESOLVED that the budgeted payments, excluding reserves spending for FY22 be set at £73664.

4. To approve the budget for financial year ending 31 March 2022

RESOLVED that the budget be approved. (Prop AG, 2nd IG, unanimous)

5. To set and demand the precept required for the Parish Council to balance its budget

RESOLVED, after releasing £9324 from General Reserves, to set and demand from the District Council a precept of £60,366, being the amount required by the Parish Council to balance the budget for FY22. (Prop AG, 2nd IG, unanimous)

6. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 9.03 pm.

SignedChairmandate