

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A REMOTELY HOSTED VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE &
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 22nd December 2020
commencing at 6.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs	J Halls
	P Broome (substitute for I Flatt)
	K Hurn
	R Savage (Chairman)
	P Hubble

Also Present

0	Member (s) of the public
Cllrs.	Nuri

F18/20	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Flatt.
F19/20	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u> Cllr. Hubble agenda item 7, member of Wymondham Business Group, parent group of Wymondham in Bloom. Non- pecuniary. Cllr. Halls as member of Spooner Row Community Council in respect of letter re Cemetery fees. Non- pecuniary.
F20/20	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Hubble it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 th March 2020 as a correct record.
F21/20	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> – None.
F22/20	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> – None.
F23/20	<u>SPOONER ROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL</u> Letter received requesting Council reviews Cemetery charges to incorporate residents of Spooner Row Community Council. After discussion it was unanimously resolved that the current regulations, including a discounted fee offered only to residents of the Parish of Wymondham, be maintained. The residents of Spooner Row, Wattlefield and part of Sutton had been advised that normal charges would be applied at the time they decided to form their own Council. Cllr. Halls left meeting for this item and took no part in discussion or decision.
F24/20	<u>GRANT</u> Application received from Wymondham in Bloom who are part of the Wymondham Business Group requesting a grant of £3200 to assist in the purchase of planters, subsidising hanging baskets for businesses and competition entry fees totalling £7400. After discussion it was resolved that this application be deferred to the committees February meeting to enable further information such as where new planters are to be situated and how these planters will be maintained to be obtained and to invite the organiser to attend the meeting to answer questions.

F25/20	<u>DRAFT INTERNAL INTERIM ACCOUNTS</u> Clerk gave an outline of the financial position of the Council as at 30 th September 2020 as shown by the 'Draft Internal' accounts that had been prepared. Income is in surplus against budget by £2504 with expenditure below budget by £36094 Clerk then outlined some of the significant variances gave explanations and answered questions raised.
F26/20	<u>INTERNAL AUDITOR</u> It was resolved to appoint Larking Gowen for the 2020/2021 financial year.
F27/20	<u>EXTERNAL AUDIT</u> Certificate from LLP Littlejohn for the financial year ending 31 st March 2020 was noted stating 'In our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'. was noted.
F28/20	<u>EXCLUSION PRESS & PUBLIC</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Hurn and seconded by Cllr Halls resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted
F29/20	<u>2021/22 DRAFT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET</u> Cllr. Savage outlined the budget that had been prepared for the 2021/22 financial year. After discussion upon the resolution of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was unanimously resolved to recommend a budget of £408,004.
F30/20	<u>2021/22 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET</u> Cllr. Savage outlined the proposed full budget for the 2021/22 year being an amalgamation of the budgets recommended by the Leisure & Environment Committee (£153,617) and the Finance & General Purposes Committee (£408,004). Clerk then gave an explanation as to how the budget is constructed and answered questions. With increasing costs, it was considered prudent to recommend an overall increase of 3.9%. After further discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was resolved to recommend a precept of £561,621 resulting in a Band D charge increase of £3.59 pa from £91.94 to £95.53 pa.

[The meeting closed at 19.00 pm]

DATED this day of2021

SIGNED (Chairman)