

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 19th December 2023
in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs	Fulcher (Chair)
	Roberts
	Nuri-Nixon (substitute for Cllr. Frosdick)
	Perry
	Rosen

Also Present 0 member of the public
Cllr. P Barrett

F56/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Frosdick.
F57/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> – None.
F58/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Rosen it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15 th November 2023 as a correct record subject to a minor amendment to Min F55/23
F59/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> – Next full Council meeting 9 th January 2024.
F60/23	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> – None.
F61/23	<u>GRANT APPLICATION</u> received from Hope Community Church for £2,000 towards the cost of installing a lift costing £38,500. After discussion during which concerns were raised as to the low amount the church were putting into the project (£1500) and the number of grants being applied for. It was resolved to defer the application to the next meeting to ascertain more details as to the amount of community work undertaken by the church and % use by church and non-church users.
F62/23	<u>EXCLUSION PRESS & PUBLIC</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Nuri-Nixon and seconded by Cllr Perry 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.
F63/24	<u>2024/25 DRAFT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET</u> Clerk outlined the budget that had been prepared for the 2024/2025 financial year. After discussion regarding the level of Cemetery fees and the projected income for this it was agreed to amend this from £23,500 to £30,000.

	upon the resolution of Cllr. Rosen and seconded by Cllr. Roberts it was resolved to recommend a budget of £514,785.
F64/23	<p><u>2023/24 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET</u> Clerk outlined the proposed full budget for the 2024/2025 year being an amalgamation of the budgets recommended by the Leisure & Environment Committee (£177,290) and the Finance & General Purposes Committee (£514,785) which equals £692,075.</p> <p>Cllr. Rosen seconded by Cllr. Perry proposed a 3% increase which after the tax base adjustment of +146 properties would raise £691,812.</p> <p>For:2 Against:3 Proposal was lost.</p> <p>Cllr. Roberts seconded by Cllr. Nuri-Nixon proposed a 3.25% increase which after the tax base adjustment of +146 properties would raise £693,503. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to adjust budget and upon the proposal of Cllr. Rosen and seconded by Cllr. Nuri-Nixon it was unanimously agreed to recommend a precept of £693,503 to the full Council at its January meeting. This will result in a band D property increasing by £3.35 pa (6p per week) from £103.31 to £106.66.</p>
F65/23	<p><u>4 YEAR PLAN</u> Cllr. P Barrett gave an outline of the finance forecast that he had prepared with Cllr. Frosdick. He will now update this in conjunction with the budget proposed for 2024/2025. This is an indicative spreadsheet and a working document. Cllr. Rosen thanked him for the work undertaken which will now be integrated into the 4-year plan he is working on. Once formally adopted by the Council the financial information will be updated by Council officers and will be reviewed in September prior to budget setting for 2025/2026 year. Information to be kept as part of Council records and therefore any information sent to Councillors is confidential.</p>

(The meeting closed at 20.13 pm)

DATED this day of2024

SIGNED (Chairman)