

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Haydon Wick Parish Council Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 8.00pm held at Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Councillors, V Manro (Chairman), E Baker Lee, L Brown, S Callen, J Fuller, R Hailstone, S Heyes, A John, S McDermott, B Patrick-Okoh, R Ross and L Rhys-Jones

OFFICERS: Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO, Georgina Morgan-Denn
Finance Officer/ Deputy RFO, Jodie Smart

The meeting commenced at 20.02

FC 198 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillors D Rodgers, R Venkatesh (Personal Commitments), A Roupelis (Work Commitments), J Jackson (Ward Councillor Commitments). No apologies were received from Councillors K Naik and S Fateru.

FC 199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none given.

FC 200 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one (1) member of public present who presented his thoughts on the Council's draft budget and precept proposals. The Chairman and Chief Officer responded accordingly.

FC 201 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The member of the public was recording the meeting.

FC 202 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor V Manro: Sheep in Clifford Meadow now gone but the farmer still intends to keep cattle on the site.

Councillor E Baker Lee: Nothing to report.

Councillor L Brown: Nothing to report.

Councillor S Callen: Nothing to report.

Councillor J Fuller: Observed that the current Band D valuations are out of date and based on 1991 house prices. When will Government review this? It seems a Mayfair Band D house is like a Haydon Wick house.

Councillor R Hailstone: understood the role of a Parish Councillor was diverse but never expected to be herding sheep! Commented if the future Community Governance Review will see a reduction in Ward Councillor numbers, given that more responsibility is being devolved down to parishes.

Councillor S Heyes: Nothing to report.

Councillor A John: Nothing to report.

Councillor S McDermott: Nothing to report.

Councillor B Patrick-Okoh: Nothing to report.

Councillor R Ross: Has spent the past few weeks chasing sheep! Pleased to report that local residents recently came together to fix the Clifford Meadow perimeter fences and conduct several litter picks.

Councillor L Rhys-Jones: There always seems to be lot of litter in Oakhurst following the SBC recycling collection.

FC 203

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

Thanked the Deputy Clerk and Deputy RFO for their recent assistance in the office whilst she had been on personal leave. Also commended the Deputy RFO for the excellent budget report and all hard work that had gone into it. Members agreed and thanked the Officer.

FC 204

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS THREE YEAR BUDGET OPTIONS FOR 2023-25 AND PRECEPT SETTING FOR 2023-24

Members received a report in advance of the meeting detailing four options for budget setting. The report explained the risks and future forecasting of each option. After a discussion Members approved the recommendation from the Finance & Policy Committee to set the 2023-24 budget and precept charge of £974,815, as presented. This is an increase in percentage terms of 9.91% or an additional £9.80 per year based on a Band D household. Total per year for a Band D household will be £108.68 or £9.06 per month, £2.09 per week and 30 pence per day.

Proposed: Councillor A John

Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed with one (1) objection.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the precept demand for 2023/24 be £974,815. This an increase in percentage terms of 9.91% or an additional £9.80 per year based on a Band D household. Total per year for a Band D household will be £108.68 or £9.06 per month, £2.09 per week and 30pence per day).

2. To approve a subsidy of up to £77,000 from General Reserves be applied to cover the 2023/24 expenditure.

3. To approve that £39,000 be moved to an EMR for Trent Road Play Area from General Reserves at the current year-end.

FC 205

RESERVES POLICY 2023-24

Members approved the recommendation from the Finance & Policy Committee for the updated Reserves Policy for the 2023-24 financial year.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker Lee Seconded: Councillor L Rhys-Jones

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Members approved the recommendation from the Finance & Policy Committee for the updated Reserves Policy for the 2023-24 financial year.

FC 206

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be passed to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Member of the public left the meeting at 20:30

FC 207

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

To resolve in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted and in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw'. Reason: Contractual.

Initials _____

FC 208

VILLAGE GREEN PLAY AREA RESURFACING ITT

Members received a report from the Play Area Working Party explaining the tender award for the resurfacing on Village Green Play Area. After discussion, Members agreed to the recommendations within the report and to award the contract to Vitaplay at a cost of £31,364.90 excluding VAT. Vitaplay awarded the contractor contract based on best value, an innovative design, previous experience and local area knowledge.

Proposed: Councillor S Callen

Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To award the contract to Vitaplay at a cost of £31,364.90 (exclusive of VAT). £19,000.00 to be met from 4518/302 and £22,000.00 from EMR 325 Play Areas.**
- 2. To keep the remainder of the assigned budget £3,635.10 for unexpected contingencies.**
- 3. To note any of the contingency funds not used will remain in EMR 325 Play Areas and be used for a future project.**

The meeting closed at 20:35

Chairman _____

Initials _____