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Whitchurch Town Council - Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch Town Council held at 19:15 on the twentieth day of January 2022, in the Edward German Room, Whitchurch Civic Centre, SY13 1AX.

Present: Cllrs P. Busby, G. Ebbs, A. Hall, R. Hall, R. Hewson, A. Jackson, P. Lea, M. Phipps, M. Ridgway, P. Sample, J. Sinnott (Chairman), J. Thornton

In Attendance: Ian Cruise-Taylor (Locum Clerk), 1 Press Officer, 6 members of the public.

Council observed a one minute silence for former Councillor Alan Cooper

The resignation of Cllr John Martin was noted

Minute WTC/124/2122

Apologies – there were no apologies.

Minute WTC/125/2122

Declarations – there were no declarations of members' interests.

Minute WTC/126/2122

Minutes – the minutes of the last meeting were approved

Minute WTC/127/2122

Public Participation – The Council resolved to suspend standing orders

1 member of the public read out a statement regarding the Town Council

3 members of the public addressed the Council regarding the planned closure of the Driving Test Centre

council noted that 50 streetlights belonging to Shropshire Council were reported as not working

The Council resolved to reinstate standing orders

Minute WTC/128/2122

Finance

Council resolved to move item ii) to the closed section of the meeting

i) to receive October, November, and December accounts. information not available

ii) 2022-2023 Budget and Precept - to set the budget and precept for the next financial year. moved to closed section

iii) Motion: To amend the Terms of Reference for Personnel Committee as per the attached. The Council resolved to amend the terms of reference as proposed

Proposed: Cllr Thornton Seconded: Cllr Lea

iv) Motion: To ask approval from Full Council to set aside an earmarked sum of £25,000 from General Reserves to install a soft play surface to Jubilee Park Play Area and purchase all-inclusive equipment. The Council resolved to set aside the sum of £25,00 from CIL (rather than General Reserves) to install a soft play surface to Jubilee Park Play Area and purchase all-inclusive equipment.

Proposed: Cllr Thornton Seconded: Cllr Lea

v) Motion: To ask approval from Full Council to set aside an earmarked sum of £10,000 from General Reserves to install 5no solar powered streetlights to Jubilee Park. The Council resolved to set aside £10,000 from CIL (rather than from General Reserves) to install 5no solar powered streetlights to Jubilee Park.

Proposed: Cllr Thornton Seconded: Cllr Lea

vi) Motion: In accordance with Standing Order 21a, the Council to rescind resolution WTC/54/2122. The motion was withdrawn by the proposer

Proposed: Cllr Thornton Seconded: Cllr Lea

Minute WTC/129/2122

6. Staffing

i) to accept the dates for recruitment of a Proper Officer and RFO. The Council resolved to accept the proposed recruitment of a Proper Officer

ii) Locum - to consider the terms and conditions of the locum contract and agree actions. The Council resolved to agree the appointment of a locum clerk under the proposed terms

iii) Delegation - to consider delegation to the Chairman of the Personnel Committee to approve additional temporary staffing resource as required until the Council has undertaken all recruitment and secured permanent employees to fill all vacant positions. The Council resolved to agree the delegation as proposed

Minute WTC/130/2122

Exclusion of the Press and Public - The Council resolved, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as define in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Minute WTC/131/2122

2022-23 Budget and Precept. The Council considered the financial information and budget report and resolved to set its 2022-2023 precept at £512,163.

Chairman..... Date.....