

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2021 – REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

The Mayor- Councillor Jones
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Rushton
Councillor Barlow
Councillor Hall
Councillor Hart
Councillor Hawley
Councillor Jackson
Councillor McLoughlin
Councillor Perkin
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Salt
Councillor Sheldon
Councillor Yates

Councillor Smith was also in attendance

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: None
- ii) Other Interests: Councillor Sheldon declared an interest in any matter relating to Biddulph in Bloom

53. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Brady, Councillor Harper and Councillor Adams.

54. MINUTES

- a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 and 8 December 2020 (approved at the Town Council meeting on 12 January 2021) were confirmed.
- b) The Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Planning Working Group on 3 December 2020 were received.

55. TO RECEIVE OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2020 BANK RECONCILIATIONS (ATTACHED)

The bank reconciliations from October, November and December 2020 were received.

56. TO APPROVE THE REVISED SEVERE WINTER WEATHER MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Chief Officer gave a briefing on the document.

Councillor Perkin stated he felt the document was very comprehensive. Councillor Hart was also pleased with the document.

Councillor Jackson said he felt it was necessary to be clear about what the Town Council's duties were in relation to the Burial Ground.

Councillor Sheldon expressed concern about the feasibility of public use of the grit bin at the Station Road site; the public would not necessarily have the means to move grit and would have to travel over icy paths to reach the grit bin.

The Chief Officer noted that the team would review the location of the grit bin at Station Road.

Councillor Rogers enquired about the surface at Station Road as he was aware that this does become slippery; Councillor Yates wondered if there had been previous discussion about closing off the route through Station Road during icy and cold weather.

The Chief Officer said that the surface at Station Road will be considered as part of the continued development of the area.

Councillor Salt asked if leaves could be included in the plan as they also cause slip hazards. The Chief Officer confirmed that a summary paragraph could be added to include leaves.

All voted in favour to accept the Policy.

57. TO RECEIVE THE BIDDULPH IN BLOOM ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

Councillor Rogers thanked Biddulph in Bloom for the comprehensive accounts.

Councillor Perkin moved to receive these accounts, seconded by Councillor Hart.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

58. TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO THE TOWN HALL CLOCK – EMAIL ATTACHED TO AGENDA

Quoted repairs to the clock were approved.

59. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH – TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN TO ASSIST REGENERATION AND TO AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS

It was agreed enquiries would be made - to be brought back for the Committee to consider.

60. TO APPROVE THE QUOTATION FOR A DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM AT BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL – EMAIL ATTACHED

Quoted changes to the door entry system were approved.

61. TO APPROVE FINAL VOLUNTEER PAYMENTS IN LINE WITH ADOPTED VOLUNTEER POLICY

Payment proposal was approved.

62. BUDGET SETTING FOR 2021/22 (PROPOSAL AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

- a) To confirm committee budgets
- b) To confirm proposed fees.

The budget proposal was agreed.

63. PRECEPT 2021/22

Councillor Perkin applauded the quality of the information provided.

The precept proposal was agreed.

64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February 2021

The meeting closed at 6:36pm

SignatureDate