

DISS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Marriage Room at the Town Council Offices on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors S. Browne (ex-officio)
D. Collins
M. Gingell
N. Howard
S. Kiddie
A. Kitchen
J. Mason
D. Poulter
J. Robertson
E. Taylor
J. Welch

In attendance: Sarah Richards, Town Clerk
Alex Jamieson, Responsible Finance Officer

FC0120/01 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Olander, County/District Councillor Kiddie and District Councillor Minshull.

FC0120/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

FC0120/03 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 11th December were confirmed and signed as a true record.

FC0120/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was three members of the public in attendance including County and District Councillors Wilby. District Councillor Wilby presented a written report regarding the Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation.

The member of the public asked whether there were funds available to support the VE Day 75 celebration event being planned to include a beacon. It was noted that there was not a specific amount budgeted for but that funds could be made available from Reserves.

FC0120/05 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

FC0120/06 FINANCE

- a) Councillors noted payment of accounts for December 2019. There was a query regarding the considerable cost of dog bin emptying. It was noted that this is on the list for review and that the costs did double recently.
- b) Councillors received the summary of income, expenditure (I & E) and Earmarked Reserves for the month ending December 2019. It was noted that queries raised by one councillor had been answered effectively by the RFO & Clerk.

FC0120/07 BUDGET 2020/21

Councillors considered the budget and precept request for the financial year 2020/21. The Executive Committee Chair thanked all involved in the budget setting process this year. It was

- RESOLVED:
1. To approve an allocation of £5k from Earmarked Reserves Community Infrastructure Levy funds towards the Residents Parking Scheme
 2. To approve the budget for 2020/21, which reflects a 0% increase for Diss taxpayers on the current year and a contingency of 2.25% for 2020/21

3. To approve a precept demand to South Norfolk Council of £560,548.45 or £202.73 for Band D households.

Councillor Poulter explained his reason for abstaining from item 2 due to residing outside of Diss.
(Action: RFO/Clerk; immediately)

FC0120/08 **SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019/20**

Councillors considered a revised schedule of Council meetings for the remainder of 2019/20 (report reference 30/1920 referred). It was noted that Full Council meetings have had less items on their agendas. Chairs felt that the revised schedule was appropriate for the requirements of the Council. It was

RESOLVED: to approve the revised schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2019/20.
(Action: Clerk; immediately)

FC0120/09 **PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillors noted progress on decisions made at the last meeting of Council.

FC0120/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Councillors noted that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 18th March 2020.

Meeting Closed: 7.56pm.

Councillor Browne
TOWN MAYOR