

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD ON MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HEXTON ROAD, BARTON-LE-CLAY AT 7.35PM

Present: Councillors Mr L Davison-Williams (Vice-Chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mrs B Thomas, Mr J Selley, Mr J Roberts, Mr J Paxton

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

18/409 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr D Gunter and Mr N Day

18/410 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

18/411 APPROVAL OF DRAFT COMMITTEE BUDGET AND EAR-MARKED RESERVES

411.1 **Exempt Business** – No members of the public or press were present.

411.2 **Review and approval of Draft Pay & Personnel Sub-Committee Budgets 2019/20**

The Draft Salaries include the NALC uplift, new staff salaries projection and contingency for a possible change in working hours for staff members. No queries were raised and Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** a Salary Precept for 2019/20 of £96,974. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

411.3 **Review and approval of Draft Policies & Resources Committee Budgets 2019/20**

Councillor Davison-Williams highlighted the Community Fund where Councillor Gunter has requested the unused Chairman's allowance be transferred. No queries were raised so Councillor Davison-Williams then **PROPOSED** a Policies & Resources Committee Precept for 2019/20 of £38,669. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

411.4 **Review and approval of Draft Burial Ground Committee Budgets 2019/20**

Following a brief discussion, Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** a Burial Ground Committee Precept for 2019/20 of £3,850. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

411.5 **Review and approval of Draft Highways & Environment Committee Budgets 2019/20**

Following a brief discussion, Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** a Highways & Environment Committee Precept for 2019/20 of £8,792. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

411.6 **Review and approval of Draft Leisure Committee Budgets 2019/20**

Councillor Thomas acknowledged that the rent received from Barton Rovers FC has now been transferred to the Sports Field Committee. Councillor Davison-Williams challenged the proposed increase in pest control visits whereby Councillor Thomas explained the ongoing issues experienced at the allotments and that the Assistant Clerk is working with the pest control company to address. Expenditure is planned for replacement swings at Arnold Recreation Ground, albeit a Grant has been sought to subsidise this. New budgets are to be established for the Barton Heritage Garden and Allotment site security. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** a Leisure Committee Precept for 2019/20 of £11,635. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

411.7 **Review and approval of Draft Sports Field Committee Budgets 2019/20**

Councillor Selley explained that no further funds to be set aside within an ear-marked reserve for the Sports Ground expenditure until clarity has been received from the Local Plan proposed development sites. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** a Sports Field Committee Precept for 2019/20 of £7,530. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

- 411.8 **Review and approval of Draft Planning Committee Budgets 2019/20**
Councillor Gardner outlined the need for sufficient funds to be held for Consultants to be engaged to support the Local Plan proposals. Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** a Planning Committee Precept for 2019/20 of £2,000. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 18//412 APPROVAL OF 2019/20 PRECEPT**
412.1 **To review General Reserve Fund**
Councillor Davison-Williams referred to the General Reserve year-end projection. This reflects the underspend in salaries for 2018/19 and the additional income received from the O2 telemast from previous years. Good practice is to maintain 6 months running costs in reserve, but not to hold more than required without it being allocated to a specific purpose. Councillor Davison-Williams asked members if there were any queries or precept subsidy wanted, reminding Councillors of the cumulative effect this would have on future year's budgets.
- 412.2 **To approve 2019/20 Council Precept**
Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the approval of the Council Precept for 2019/20 of £169,450, representing a 3.12% increase. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 18/413 ITEMS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**
Policies & Resources Committee to review and approve additional transfers from General Reserves to Ear-marked Reserves before the current year end.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm

I certify these minutes are a true and correct record of the Parish Council Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 7th January 2019

Dated this the 14th January 2019

**COUNCILLOR L DAVISON-WILLIAMS
VICE-CHAIRMAN**