

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20th DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM IN THE JUBILEE PAVILION, IVER RECREATION GROUND, IVER, BUCKS.

Cllr Ciaran Beary (Chair)
Cllr Julie Cook (Vice Chair)

Present: Councillors Peter Kinchin, Graham Young, Peter Stanhope, Wendy Matthews, Kevin Brown, and Stuart Mills

Apologies accepted from: Cllrs, Vishal Gupta, Paul Brooksby, Sam Bhachu, Michael Sullivan and Adam Burke

Absent: Councillor Mohinder Bhatti

In attendance: Stephanie Bennett (Clerk) and Nicole McCaig (Business Administrator)

379/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Clerk granted dispensation to all councillors for the purpose of agreeing the budget and setting the precept

380/21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation

381/21 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that

The minutes of 13th December 2021 be agreed

382/21 **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no chair announcements

383/21 **BUDGET 2022 - 2023**

The Clerk presented the budget report and explained the additional sections that had been added: committee projects, outturn 2020 – 2021, Council Tax Base, and Community Infrastructure Levy. The Council considered the report of the Clerk and noted that the budget has been prepared using an RPI of 3.8% yet inflation is currently higher.

Councillors held considerable discussion regarding the use of reserves to offset the precept and offered that the reserves enable the council to be compliant with the guidance to hold 3 – 6 months revenue cost reserves whilst also allowing it to be able to react to unanticipated costs in relation to the £4.3 million assets that it looks after on behalf of the community.

Cllr Matthews reminded Council of the need to plant a hedge at Iver Recreation Grounds as part of the development agreement for the Jubilee Pavilion

RESOLVED that

- a. The budget report be agreed. Cllrs Mills and Cook requested it be minuted that they did not agree with the report.
- b. The schedule of fees and charges is agreed with direction that burial fees and charges be implemented in line with those of Bucks Council;
- c. The proposed 2022 – 2023 budgets for Council, Facilities and Events Committee, and Open Space and Highways Committee be agreed;
- d. The Council continues the delegated authority to officers to remove any play equipment that reaches end of life and/or is condemned;
- e. The Council notes the risks highlighted in this report and the outstanding budget related decisions;
- f. The Council continues to provide free Hub accommodation to Citizens Advice Bureau and Housing Association drop in sessions, and provides free use to the Adult Education Service +for 2 to 3 training sessions per month;
- g. The Council instructs officers to actively seek opportunities for increasing income of the Council and for grant funding to support its desired projects;
- h. Underspends for 2021 – 2022 be allocated to General Reserves until Council considers its outturn position other than as set out in 19.0
- i. The identified additional income of £24,000 for restart grants and the remaining outturn of 2020 – 2021 be allocated to the 2022 – 2023 budget as set out in 19.0
- j. The precept be agreed as £636,267. Cllrs Mills and Cook requested it be minuted that they did not agree with the precept figure.

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MEETINGS

Council considered the report of the Clerk

RESOLVED that

- a. Council delegates decision making to the Clerk for permitted decisions. This resolution to continue until the Annual Parish Council meeting;
- b. The Clerk to convene physical meetings when Council is required to make decisions

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IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

None identified

The meeting ended at 6:50PM

Signed Chair

Date