

Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting, held at 7.00pm on Thursday 14th January 2021 via Zoom

Present: Town Cllrs. J. Emmerson, (Chairman), S Barnes, H Brown, P Dodds, J Irwin, Kirby, M. Patterson, J Rutland, T Strike, R Turnbull and SA Watson.

In Attendance: J. McGeeney Town Clerk, J Stevely Administration Assistant

1. **Housekeeping:** The meeting was held using Zoom video technology in line with the changes to the regulation which came into force on 4th April 2020. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.
2. **Notice of Meeting:** The Chairman noted that the Notice of the Meeting had been published on the Town Council's website and on the notice board at the Ingleby Barwick Community Hall, Beckfields.
3. **Apologies for absence:** None
4. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
5. **Finance – Budget/Precept 2021 – 2022:** Councillors were presented with a series of documents outlining:
 - i) Cash Books for each of the Town Councils Bank Accounts
 - ii) The 2020-21 budget as at 31st December 2020 with relevant information against each budget head
 - iii) The projected outturn as at 31st March 2021
 - iv) Budget proposals for 2021-22. The budget was broken down into a number of sub-headings.
 - Direct costs of the Town Council including Councillor Costs, Staff Costs, Office Costs and other costs such as the Annual Audit and Community Consultation.
 - Activities including CCTV, Community Protection, Christmas Tree, Grants, Events
 - The Rings Community Hub including Loan Repayment, Utilities, Licences, Maintenance Contracts, Repairs and Renewals, Youth Facility. Further monies had been budgeted for the provision of Air Conditioning Units, Solar Panel Guards and Coffee Machines.

Against these were shown the various sources of income, including the Local Government Support Grant, Seamer Windfarm receipts and VAT reclaimable.

Councillors discussed each element of the budget. Details of the bank balances of each of the Town Council's accounts as at 31st December 2020 were submitted for Members' information. As no amendments were offered to the draft budget it was proposed by Cllr Kirby and seconded by Cllr Emmerson and unanimously **AGREED**. It was RESOLVED to submit to Stockton on Tees Borough Council a Precept demand in the sum of £180,300.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.