



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2023 IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Present:

Councillors:

Matt Reid (MR) – Chairman
Andrew McAuley (AM)
Ian Hill (IH)
Roger Beattie (RB)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

16/23 Apologies for Absence

Rob Smith, Alex Basden, Margaret Noon, Brenda Bradford, Tim Horton.

17/23 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were none notified.

18/23 Confidential Session

Resolved THAT THE COMMITTEE GO INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT BELOW TO DISCUSS THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM : Staff Pensions

Confidential Items: EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED: THAT under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for items of business of the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 7,8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

18/23 Discussion Issues

The Clerk left the room for the next item.

1. Staff Pensions

A paper had been circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was:

Resolved Unanimously: That that all employees should be offered membership of the Oxfordshire Local Government Pension Scheme with effect from 1/4/2023. (Note: Jo Pugh has already been offered membership from her start date of 11/1/2023 as a condition of her employment contract that was previously agreed by full council)

2. Budget and Precept 2023/24

A paper and draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved Unanimously: To approve the budget and Precept for 23/24. The Budget for 23/24 has been made in line with the resolution of Full Council to increase the precept by 5% which gives a revised figure of £147,285.00. This figure obviously takes into account the change to underlying inflation rates as well as the need to address the changes to the local labour market. The gives a Band D figure of £120.26 per household (£114.50 for 22/23) which equates to an increase of £5.76 per household from the previous year.

The total budget for 23/24 presented for adoption by full council is £156,447 (with the difference of £10429 being taken from General Reserves as agreed by Full Council as a strategic budget that will be offset by the provision of new housing in 23/24 that will increase the tax base by an estimated £10k)

The Clerk will now submit the precept figure to SODC.

To note that the Budget includes:

1. Increased utility costs
2. 7.5% increase to regular purchases/contracts
3. Change of staff pensions to LGPS scheme at 21.7% employer contribution. (Note: our current rates of pay for clerical staff were found to be lower than the local market average, so enrolment into the Oxfordshire LGPS rather than NEST allows us to offer an additional incentive for clerks and support staff that will allow us to compete with the existing market in future).
4. Sinking fund for the MUGA
5. Changes to the caretaking arrangements for the Town Hall
6. External Grants Fund of £17,995
7. An addition of 5 extra administration hours per week.

MR gave formal thanks to Steve Bolingbroke on his work on setting out a strategy for this budget.

3. Proposed MUGA charging rates- Proposer: Matt Reid, **Seconder:** Andrew McAuley

Resolved: That after a review of the previous proposal for blanket charging at £10ph we are now proposing that we split the charging into peak and off peak periods that have a boundary at 5pm each day. Any usage prior to 5pm will be charged at £5ph and any usage after will be charged at £10.

Tokens for the lights will be charged at an additional fee of £2.50ph.

The Parish Council will underwrite any shortfall in the sinking fund up to a total of £3,285.00 pa.

The charging regime will be reviewed annually.

MUGA Annual Maintenance – The email from Neil Boddington with a quotation from Fieldform was noted. This information had not previously been know. AM and RB will have a meeting with Neil Boddington and report back.

MUGA Rules – AM and RB will meet up to discuss this.

MUGA Booking – KT reported that Rachel Gill has been looking into this and she will write up a report. MR asked if a QR code could be used.

Bootscraper for MUGA – RB will look into options.

Smurfit – It was agreed that she be contacted to say that the tyres she uses cannot be used on the MUGA

19/23 Other Matters for Discussion at the discretion of Chair

A letter had been received from Mrs Burslem about Smurfit and the use of the MUGA – The Clerk will respond.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.50PM

Addendum : Budget for 23/24