

COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2021

Present: Cllrs, Bailey, B Bayford, J Bayford, R Binks, R. K. Binks, Garner, Rawf, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Dexter.

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

392. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were offered and accepted from Cllr J Buckley. Cllrs P and W Moore were unable to attend due to technical issues. In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Dexter chaired the meeting. Cllrs Parsons was not in attendance.

393. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

394. MINUTES

• Members considered the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd November 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and can be signed by the Mayor at the earliest opportunity

• Members considered the minutes of the extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 3rd December 2020.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and can be signed by the Deputy Mayor at the earliest opportunity

395. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Members received the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

• Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 23rd November 2020 (unconfirmed)

• Planning Committee held on 7th December 2020 (confirmed) and 4th January 2021 (unconfirmed)

• Community Assets Committee held on the 16th December (unconfirmed) **RESOLVED: that the minutes be noted.**

396. QUESTIONS

None received

397. COMMUNICATIONS

None

398. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

Members received an Environmental Strategy document from Cllr Mike Garner and considered approving it for adoption by Council.

RESOLVED: that the document be adopted by Council and published on the web-site

399. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Members received the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee regarding the budget and precept for the 2021-2022 financial year (minute 385) and the associated press release.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the proposed budget for 2021/22
- To receive and approve the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to freeze the Council Tax for the fiscal year 2020-2021,
- To instruct Thanet District Council to collect a precept of £655,579.80 which represents a 0% increase on the current year and equates to a Band D Council Tax of £68.40 per year
- To delegate responsibility for writing and submitting the press release concerning the precept to ClIr B Bayford and the Town Clerk

Proposed Cllr B. Bayford, seconded Cllr D. Saunders, agreed.

400. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

Members received the final version and considered its publication and distribution

RESOLVED: That the document is fit for purpose and ready for publication subject to a few very minor amendments to be fed back through the Town Clerk.

Proposed Cllr B Bayford, seconded Cllr Saunders, agreed

The following item was discussed following a resolution to exclude the press and public under Standing Order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

401. TENANCIES

Please refer to the confidential minutes.

Members of the press and public may re-enter the meeting

402. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

- The creation of the Environmental Working Party into a Sub-Committee or Committee.
- Declaration of a Climate Emergency with actions and commitments.
- Look at other remote meeting platforms.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 22^{nd} March 2021, immediately following the F and GP meeting.

Town Clerk Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Meeting was recorded: yes/no Members of the public were present: yes/no Members of the press were present: yes/no