

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Hilgay Village Hall

on

23 January 2020 at 1900

Present: P Bates, A Greening, E Hall, J Heatrick, R Houghton, A Holmes (Chair and acting Clerk) P Dornan

In attendance: No members of public in attendance; Clerk absent.

The Chair opened the meeting.

Emergency evacuation procedures were announced.

Accepted apologies for absence (LGA 1972, s85(1)(2)): Cllr G Carter and P Carter absent: Cllr R Coogan absent.

Declarations of interest None. The Council noted that individual Councillors have interest in the Precept but all have an exemption letter to allow consideration of precept and budget matters.

Declarations of recording and social media use None declared.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 01 2020: The Chair advised the Council that these minutes would need to be revised for Data Protection issues about which he was seeking advice. These minutes would be approved at a subsequent meeting.

Public participation None

To Consider Schedule of Payments

Agreement to Schedule: proposed Cllr A Holmes, Seconded Cllr J Heatrick: All in favour

Confidential Items to be discussed under: Standing Order 3D, that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the Parish Council Precept for 2020-21, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw'
Agreed

Confidential Section to consider the precept for 2020-21 and Budget for 2020-21.

Item Five: to Discuss the budget:

A full discussion including advice provided by the Clerk via e-mails presented the Council with the opportunity to revise the Budget and undertake further work to let it reflect possible needs and other changes which would benefit from a little further research. Council noted with a better finance package – which is being considered – historic information and future requirements would be easier to reconcile and reflect in future budgeting. We needed to ensure that the budget would reflect no more than +/- 10% of out-turn to avoid needing to explain to the Borough Council differences at year end. This would demonstrate that the Council was professional.

Item Six to decide the precept for 2020-21

Council considered the options presented by the Chair in a paper circulated to all prior to the meeting. The discussion considered several factors.

Return to Open Session

Item Seven: To approve budget for 2020-21:

Council decided the Chair and Clerk should do further work, also reflecting Councillors' input, to present a revised budget for the next meeting.

Item Eight: To approve precept for 2020-21:

That the precept for 2020-21 be an increase of 3%: Proposed Cllr A Holmes, Seconded Cllr R Houghton: All in favour.

Next meeting Ten Mile Bank Village Hall at 1900 hrs 6 February 2020.

Meeting closed 1945

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Chair

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Date