

20th November 2018

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Community Meeting Room at the Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

Action Summary:

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Mayor

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), A Sheffield, L Patrick, J Ball, S Creswick, A Stennett, S Abraham, W Thomas, S Ackroyd, M Stennett & B Cairns.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk, Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10136

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Burdge (personal), T Arnold (business), P Hayes (personal), M Nicholson (business) and Adrian Whitwell (business).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10137

Cllr Ball declared a pecuniary interest as an employee of the Dursley & District Community Centre and a member of the Cam & Dursley Branch of the Royal British Legion, for minute 10142.4 (Agenda Item 7.3 ii).

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 10138

There were no requests for dispensations.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10139

Cllr Patrick reminded councillors of the ongoing consultation from the Police Crime Commissioner in relation to the future of the Fire Service. Councillors were requested to submit their own comments to this consultation.

Mayor Grecian highlighted that since the last meeting of Council the referendum had been carried out and the Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan had been approved by over 85% of those residents who voted. The Mayor thanked the staff, volunteers and councillors who had taken part in the previous

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four years to produce the plan which would now be used when planning applications are being considered in Dursley.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10140

There were no representations from the public.

MINUTES 10141

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6th November 2018 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10142

Council's Accounts for 2018/19

10142.1 The current income and expenditure for 2018/19 was noted.

The Clerk confirmed income on code 530 Youth Services was from Cam Parish Council for their contribution to the initial youth service contract. Under the new contract Cam Parish Council now pay direct to the supplier. The current staff costs were confirmed to be within expected budget figures and the Town Clerk updated Council on expected car park expenditure.

The lower than expected income from cemetery internments was discussed, the Town Clerk agreed to revise the projected income figures for 2019 and beyond for the January 2019 meeting of Council.

No figure had been included on future income from the car park as it was not possible to estimate accurately the level of fines that would be issued thorough vehicles over staying the 23-hour waiting time. A new budget code would be added in the 2019/20 accounts for this income.

10142.2 It was noted that the S106 sums for the Dursley Garage development may be renegotiated as a new planning application is currently being considered by Stroud District Council. The War Memorial Recreation Ground toilet blocked remained a project supported by the Green Spaces committee but at the current time it wasn't feasible to include dates on the three-year programme.

IT WAS RESOLVED to provisionally approve the draft three-year programme for 2019 to 2022.

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10142.3 It was noted that the estimated figures were based on the 2018/19 tax base figure. The 2019/20 figure would be available in time for the January meeting of Council where the 2019/20 budget would be confirmed and would be impacted by the increased occupancy at the Littlecombe housing development.

IT WAS RESOLVED to provisionally agree the draft budget and precept increase for 2019/20 and approve this budget at the Council meeting in January 2019. The proposed precept increase would see a Band D property rise of 19p per week; £9.79 per annum based on 2018/19 tax base figures. There were two abstentions.

10142.4 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to provisionally agree the draft budget for 2020 to 2022 and approve this budget at the Council meeting in January 2019. Cllr Ball abstained.

The meeting closed at 7:27p.m.

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Town Mayor

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Date