

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A VIRTUAL MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2021 AT 7:15 PM

Present: Cllr S Balfour, in the Chair

Cllrs: J Bell, T Hames, Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead, M Galvin, A Garbutt, G Marshall, S Richmond and M Roberts

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out a statement of how the meeting will be conducted.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C 1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Cook and J Hardman for reasons as recorded in the attendance book. All Councillors agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

C2.1 No interests were declared.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

3. To discuss a draft budget for 2021/22 and to make recommendations for approval at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 8 February 2021

The Chairman explained the process the meeting would take.

C3.1 The following documents had previously been circulated to all Councillors:

- b) A draft budget prepared on an increased precept of £210,400.
- c) Notes detailing anticipated balance to take forward at 31 March 2021
- d) Bank and Cash Investment reconciliation as at 31 December 2020

C3.2 The budget document was looked at page by page. The Clerk brought some items to the attention of the Council and was asked to explain some of the figures.

In particular an explanation / clarification was given on the following items:

- 1. CIL income
- 2. Contingency
- 3. DRB checks
- 4. Legal and Professional Fees
- 5. Section 137 grants
- 6. Public Works Loan Board
- 7. Chairs allowance
- 8. Election Costs
- 9. Gala Income and Expenditure
- 10. Hanging Baskets
- 11. Events costs other
- 12. Public open spaces
- 13. Allotment H & S Income
- 14. Allotment environmental costs
- 15. Laptops for staff

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Garbutt to recommend to the Parish Council that the budget presented was accepted.

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
2 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is approved.

The Clerk then explained that a letter had been received from Wakefield Council to say that they will receive from Government compensation for the impact on the Council Tax Base from the increase in number, and therefore costs of the Council Tax support claimants caused as a result of the economic consequences of Covid-19. Subject to ratification at their Full Council Budget meeting they will pass this down to Town and Parish Councils. Ackworth will therefore receive £1042.02.

It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Galvin to recommend to the Parish Council that this is taken into account when setting the precept and to request a precept of £209,358.00

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED the proposal is carried.

They're being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 pm

Chairman 8 February 2021