

LOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM AT LINGDALE VILLAGE HALL

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs C.Kingham (Acting Chair), J.Halliday, A.Groves, S.Tyrka and D.Williams.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Sue Howard

OTHERS: Cllr Steve Kay Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

CLERK: Ms M.Kingham

90. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A.Slater.

91. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None

92. REPRESENTATION FROM RESIDENTS

Sue Howard asked who was in charge of footpaths in the area, this is the remit of Redcar & Cleveland rather than the Parish Council.

93. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr J Halliday, seconded by Cllr D Williams and accepted by the full council as true.

94. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2019 – PROGRESS REPORTS ONLY

- None

95. CORRESPONDENCE

- CLLR PETER SAY RESIGNED FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL.
- SIRIUS SEND APOLOGIES AS CANNOT GIVE UPDATES WHILST UNDERGOING DUE DILIGENCE

96. FINANCE

To approve all payments required in undertaking the Council's business since the last meeting.

- a) The Clerk provided members with Finance Reports for February 2020. These gave full details of all financial transactions undertaken since the last meeting of the council which included the Bill payments, direct debits, transfers, income and cheque payments the council was required to pay. Members **RESOLVED** to accept the February payments.
- b) The current state of finance for the Allotment Committee was presented. It was noted that the expenditure was less than budgeted for at £0.64 per elector and £23.74 per tenant.
- c) The current state of finance for the Village Hall was presented. It was noted that the finances were healthy and that there is over £5700 in the bank account.

97. TO APPROVE PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

a) To approve the budget for the 2020-2021 financial year as recommended by the Finance, Personnel and Policy Committee.

Clerk explained the budget strategy of this council is to curtail the previous five years of overspend by the previous Council and to maintain the reserves at a reasonable level. Council maintains a £10,000

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general reserve and a £11,784 Election Reserve, as well as a bad debt reserve and £1570 in allotment deposits. These reserves provide the Council with cash flow security in the event of a delay receiving the precept from RCBC each year.

Resolved to adopt the budget for 2020-2021 as recommended by the Finance, Personnel and Policy Committee.

b) To consider the precept setting for the Financial Year 2020-2021

Members had received the precept information in the budget pack. Information provided by Redcar & Cleveland BC showed that if the precept is frozen at the same Band D level as last year (£41.49) this will result in a parish precept of **£51,423** (a reduction of £622 from last year). The Finance, Personnel & Policy Committee, at their meeting on 9th January 2020, agreed to recommend a freeze (Band D £41.49) to the Full Council for approval.

Resolved to freeze the precept requirement at Band D £41.49 resulting in a precept of **£51,423**.

98. PARISH MATTERS

a) Clerk's Report

Clerk reported she is taking annual leave next Thursday and Friday. Parish Warden is due back from sick leave on Monday.

b) Chair's Reports

● **Chair of Allotments**

- Inspection by Councillors commencing next week.

● **Chair of Village Hall**

- Tees Flex are at the Hall on Monday

● **Chair of Finance & Personnel**

- No meeting until April 2020

● **Chair of Lockwood Parish Council**

- The Chair thanked Councillors for their input to the meeting and their perseverance during the difficult weeks leading to the setting of the budget for next year. She commented that it is difficult when Parish Councillors meet with criticism despite the fact that they have their communities best interests at heart and their time is given voluntarily.

c) Ward Councillors Reports

- **Lingdale & Stanghow.** Issue of parked cars belonging to the garage being left on Meadowdale Court. This road is unadopted so there is little that can be done.
- **Boosbeck.** No issues reported.
- **Moorsholm.** No issues reported.
- **Charltons & Margrove.** No issues reported.

99. THE COUNCIL WILL NOW BE IN PRIVATE SESSION

100. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th March 2020

Meeting closed at 7.45PM

Signed:

Cllr Kingham

Dated:

(Acting Chair of the Council)

Signed:

Ms M Kingham (Clerk to the Council)

Dated:

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