

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:- Councillor S. Poultney (Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor M. Bonfield  
Councillor G. Green  
Councillor A. Harris  
Councillor G. Marsh  
Councillor T. Morris  
Councillor M. Whitwam

Also in attendance:-

Dr M. Ayres – Town Clerk  
Mrs L. Burgess – Senior Administration & Finance Officer  
Miss A. Spencer – Finance Officer

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

170. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bishop, Finch, Lejeune and Trite.

171. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 – 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

The dispensation granted to Councillor Green in respect of cemetery matters was noted.

The dispensation granted to the eleven Councillors resident in Swanage to participate in setting the precept until May 2019 was also noted.

172. **POLICY, FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by the Town Mayor, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

173. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017/18 to 2019/20**

Further to Minute No. 4 of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, consideration was given to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

To receive and adopt the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

174. **SCALE OF CHARGES 2017/18**

Further to Minute No. 3 (b) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, consideration was given to the proposed Scale of Charges for 2017/18.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Harris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Scale of Charges for 2017/18 be approved and adopted.

(A copy attached at end of these Minutes).

Arising from the above, it was suggested that the car park charges be reviewed in conjunction with any future purchase of new car park machines, and it was AGREED:-

That the matter be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Committee.

175. **ESTIMATES 2017/18**

(a) **Capital Programme 2017/20**

Further to Minute No. 3 (c) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, consideration was given to the Schedule of Estimated Capital Expenditure for 2017/18.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the revised Schedule of Estimated Capital Expenditure 2017/18 to 2019/20 be approved and adopted.

(b) **Priority Capital Programme 2017/18**

Further to Minute No. 3 (c) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, consideration was given to the Priority Capital Programme for the years 2017/18 to 201.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the revised Priority Capital Programme 2017/18 be approved and adopted.

(c) **Revenue Budgets 2017/18**

Further to Minute No. 3 (a) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, detailed consideration was given to the Budget Report and Estimates Book for 2017/18.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Budget Report and Estimates Book for 2017/18 be approved and adopted.

(d) **Precept 2017/18**

Further to Minute No. 3 (a) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, and having given detailed consideration to the Estimates Book (Minute No. 175 (c) above), the level of precept to be set for 2017/18 was considered.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the level of precept to be levied for 2017/18 be increased by 2.4% to £703,950 (taking into account the Council Tax Base, the percentage increase in precept equates to a nil increase upon household bills).

176. **GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2017/18**

Further to Minute No. 3 (a) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, it was noted that a separate budget had been allocated for payments made for the provision of services by third parties, such as funding for the school crossing patrol at Swanage Primary School and the grant to the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust to support the continuation of the youth service. As a consequence, the full £10,000 of the grants and donations budget was available to local charities and voluntary groups, and consideration was given to the following requests received for grants and donations:-

**Purbeck Citizens' Advice Bureau**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £500 be donated towards the continuation of the CAB service in Swanage.

It was further AGREED:-

That Councillor Morris, the Town Council's representative on the Purbeck CAB, liaise with officers regarding the level of contribution provided by the Town Council.

**Dorset Blind Association**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £300 be donated towards the costs of the Dorset Blind Association.

**Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £500 be donated towards the costs of the Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival.

**Purbeck Outdoor Weekend**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £500 be donated towards the costs of the Purbeck Outdoor Weekend.

**Swanage Gymnastics**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £2,000 be donated towards the cost of purchasing new equipment for use by Swanage Gymnastics.

In agreeing the level of contribution towards the cost of equipment above, Members were pleased to support and encourage this new initiative in 2017/18.

177. **RENEWAL OF INSURANCE**

Pending the receipt of a further quotation for insurance cover, it was AGREED:-  
That the matter be deferred for consideration at the next  
Meeting of the Council to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.

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