



## Minutes of the online Meeting of the Council on Thursday, 10 December 2020 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr Hutchfield (Chair), Cllr Thorley (Vice-chair) Cllr Jackson, Cllr Porter, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Burley, Cllr Maisey, Cllr Savage

Clerk – Mrs J Nicholson

There were no members of the public present.

### 124) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr White and Cllr Seger due to illness.

*It was resolved to accept these apologies.*

### 125) Declarations of Interest (DPI, conflict of interest and personal interests) and alterations to the Register

None

### 126) Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2020

*To approve the accuracy of the minutes.*

*It was resolved to accept these minutes as a true record of the meeting.*

### 127) Clerk's Report on Actions since last Meeting (For information only)

### 128) Minutes of Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting, 24 November 2020

*It was resolved to accept these minutes as a true record of the meeting.*

## Medway Councillor's Report and Public Session

Suspension of the meeting for Medway Ward Councillor's Report and for the Public Session. Matters raised may be placed on the agenda for the next or a future meeting.

*No report was received from the Medway Ward Councillor prior to the meeting and there were no members of the public present.*

### 129) Finance: Monthly reports

#### a) To receive the monthly financial report

*Cllr Burley advised he had checked the accounts for accuracy against the bank statements.*

***It was resolved to accept the monthly report as a true record of the accounts.***

#### b) To approve payment of outstanding invoices

JRB Enterprises (dog poo bags) £256.20

Lyons Electrical (Christmas Tree electrical socket). £565.50

Kingswood Christmas Trees 16ft Norway Spruce incl. delivery. £287.99

*It was resolved to pay all of the above invoices. It was also resolved to spend up to £200 on a replacement fridge for the office as the old one has broken and is beyond*

*repair.*

**130) Budget 2021-2022: To approve the draft budget**

*It was resolved to approve the budget.*

**131) To approve the precept for 2021-2022**

*It was resolved by majority vote of 7 votes to 1, to increase the precept to £62,016 for 2021-22. This is an increase of £1,216 (2%) which approximates to £1.21 per household per year.*

**132) Correspondence**

a) Residents – None

b) Other correspondence –

Email regarding 106 funds associated with St Andrews Park Development from Jill King, Medway Council.

*Action: Clerk to reply to Jill King asking for further details with regard to this 106 funding and any other 106 funds.*

**133) Information Exchange**

No motions may be proposed, nor decisions taken under this item but may be placed on the agenda for the next or future meetings.

a) Councillor's information Exchange

Discussion around the WW2 memorial: It was suggested that instead of a memorial gate, there could be an archway with 5 poppies and an information lectern opposite the existing WW1 bench.

b) The Vineyard company will be available for a closed information sharing meeting 7 Jan 2021.

**134) Members' Future Agenda Items.**

WW2 memorial estimates for approval

Casual Vacancy

FOI request regarding 106 funding of the traffic lights if Ward Cllr Fearn is unable to access details of the remaining budget.

**CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

**To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public are to be excluded from the Meeting.**

*It was resolved to exclude press and public from the remainder of the meeting.*

**135) Staff Salaries: For Decision**

The Staffing sub-committee have suggested a 1.85% increase for all staff.

*It was resolved to agree this increase to be backdated from July 2020.*

**The meeting closed at 8:50pm**

Signed Cllr Kay Hutchfield, Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021