

Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting, 6.00pm, Tuesday 24th January 2023 on the First Floor of The Community Hub, The Rings, Ingleby Barwick

Present: Cllrs Irwin (Chairman), Emmerson, Kirby, Patterson, Rutland, Strike and Watson.

In attendance – J McGeeney Town Clerk.

- 1. Housekeeping** – The Chairman advised those present of the emergency escape procedures and outlined the Town Council’s protocol on public participation. It was requested mobile phones be switched to silent. If a call was received and had to be taken Members were politely requested to leave the room.
- 2. Notice of Meeting** - – Public Notice has been given in accordance Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 3. Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs Barnes, Brown, Dodds and Fryer.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 5. Finance- Budget/Precept 2023/2024** – Councillors were presented with a series of documents outlining:
 - i) Bank statements for each of the Town Council’s bank accounts
 - ii) The 2022/23 budget as at 31st December 2022 with relevant information against each budget head
 - iii) The projected outturn as at 31st March 2023
 - iv) Budget proposals for 2023/24. The budget was broken down into a number of sub headings :-
 - Directs costs of the Town Council including Councillor costs, Staff costs, Office costs and other costs such as the Annual Audit and Community Communication.
 - Activities including CCTV, Community Safety, Christmas Decorations, Events, Grants, Youth Facility and Memorial Stone improvement works.
 - The Rings Community Hub including Loan Repayment, Utilities, Licences, Maintenance Contracts, Repairs and Renewals.

Against these were shown the various sources of income including the precept, Local Government Support Grant, Seamer Windfarm receipts, The Rings Community Hub room hire and VAT reclaimable. Councillors discussed each element of the budget. It was noted that more days for the Summer Sports Activities were included in this year’s budget. Additional resources for Christmas decorations had been included, it was felt that this would be an ongoing project. The Town Clerk was requested to liaise with Stockton Borough Council’s Enforcement Service to monitor the Enforcement provision and adapt where required. As no amendments were offered to the draft budget it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Irwin and **SECONDED** by Councillor Emmerson and unanimously **AGREED**. It was **RESOLVED** to submit the Stockton Borough Council a precept demand in the sum of £180,300.

The meeting ended at 7.00pm.