



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

17th January 2019

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr Mrs C Cross, Cllr S Cross, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr J Holland, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr T Morris, Cllr N Murphy.

267. Apologies: It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllrs M Ashford, G Guest and Mrs D DaCruz.

268. Declarations of Interest: None

269. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th December 2018 – it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

270. Reports of committee

To receive and adopt the reports of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 10th January 2019.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance & Policy committee meeting held on the 10th January 2019.

271. Estimates & Precept 2019/2020 – determine precept requirements - report attached.

Cllr T Morris gave a background to the discussions held at Finance and policy. Thanks, passed to the Town Clerk for the excellent control of the finances leading to a proposed 1.5% increase overall on expenditure, whilst carrying out change and investment. The proposal was for a 5% increase slightly lower than last year.

Cllr J Holland raised a concern that large increases to the precept we're being made by Warwickshire County Council and therefore he would vote against an increase this year to the Town Councils precept. Cllr Mrs M A Grainger stated that she was happy to support the increase in view of the required 2% salary increases, inflation and also loss of the special allowance. A proposal was made to increase the precept by 5% which would give a small surplus to start to increase the low level of reserves, this proposal was seconded and agreed by 9 Councillors 3 did not accept the proposal.

272. Annual Town Meeting – approve a date change to the 4th April 2019 – due to the elections

The Town Clerk explained the background to the proposed change. Following a brief discussion, it was resolved to accept the change and also to hold the Annual meeting in early April in future.

273. Calendar of meetings 2019/2020 – approve

The dates were proposed in line with Warwick District Council meetings. It was resolved to accept the dates as laid out. Cllr M A Grainger asked for the September Community and Culture meeting to be held at 6pm. This will be proposed at the March Finance and Policy meeting. The calendar will be altered accordingly.

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