



## FULL COUNCIL

**Thursday 17 January 2019 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors A Hickman (Chairman), A Barrett, C Clark, Mrs. W Clark, J Dawson, M Emmerson, Mrs. P Heseltine, R G Heseltine, E Jaquin ,J Kerr, P Madeley, Mrs. K McIntyre, and P Whitaker.

Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Sam Poole (Finance Manager), Joel Henderson (Estates Manager), Jenny Dean (Administration Assistant) and Josh Daley (Apprentice)

Vivian Mason (Craven Herald)

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors A Rankine (ill health) and Gordon Bell (family commitments).

Cllr Chris Harbron was absent

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None

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4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None

5. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 15 November 2018.

Following an amendment to the date of the meeting from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the correct date of the 15<sup>th</sup>. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 November 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

Members asked for clarification on the process of ratifying the minutes of Committee Meetings, as it can be some time before these are brought to Full Council as they need to be approved by the individual Committee first. The Chief Officer suggested that this issue should be discussed at a future Audit and Scrutiny Meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

Item 13 on the Minutes from the 15<sup>th</sup> November- The Chief Officer confirmed that a working Group had been set up to look into Charities and Trusts.

7. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 27 September 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

8. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 October 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

9. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Planning Committee.

Following an amendment to Cllr Barratts name. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 May 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

Cllr Jaquin noted that he has raised concerns regarding the extending the traffic island to prevent right turns into Jerry Croft. This is a low priority for the County Council due to there being no incidents at this location resulting from cars turning right. Cllr Jaquin requested that Members consider funding this scheme.

10. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 30 August 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

11. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for September until January 2018.

Members **NOTED** engagements attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mayor stated that he had enjoyed the events which he had attended.

Cllr Dawson requested that if the Mayor writes letters to the Craven Herald that he does not do so as the Mayor of Skipton, as this is a neutral position. The Mayor stated that his most recent letter was regarding this years Mayoral Charity.

12. To consider and approve the Council's Budget for 2019-2020 and to set the levels of the precept.

Councillors noted the Chief Officer's report and associated papers.

Following discussion Members **RESOLVED** to:

- Adopt the budget for Skipton Town Council for 2019-2020 as proposed.
- Set the Council's Precept for 2019-2020 in the sum of **£500,246 (five hundred thousand, two hundred and forty-six pounds)**.
- Authorise the Chief Officer to advise the Billing Authority (Craven District Council) of the Council's Precept requirement.
- Increase the rental charge, for a full-sized allotment plot, from **£88 per annum to £96 per annum** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- Maintain charges made for use of the Council's grazing land at Greatwood and Carleton Road at existing levels.

Members **APPROVED** the following changes to the Council's Earmarked Reserves:

- The transfer of £4,500 **from** the Holy Trinity Church Wall Reserve
- The transfer of £18,415 **from** the Coach Street Toilets Reserve
- The transfer of £11,000 **to** the General Revenue Reserve
- The transfer of £3,000 **to** the Election Costs Reserve
- The transfer of £500 **to** the Mayoral Chains Maintenance Reserve
- The Holy Trinity Churchyard Wall Reserve be **RENAMED** as the **Estate Reserve**
- The Coach Street Toilet Reserve be **DELETED**
- The Events and Festivals Reserve be **RENAMED** as the **Events & Tourism Reserve**

13. To Consider the recommendations of the Capital Monies Working Group relating to the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Council's land at North Parade.

Members **NOTED** the short term investment of the North Parade monies as agreed by the Finance & Policy Committee in December 2018.

Members **APPROVED** the recommendations of the Working Group to continue investigation into an Affordable Housing Project on the Council's land at Carleton Road as the best option for use of the North Parade capital receipt.

Members **AUTHORISED** the Estate Manager and Chief Officer to progress the project to the planning application stage, including the setting up of a Trust vehicle to facilitate a bid for further funds from Central Government.

Members **AGREED** that the Working Group will continue to operate to oversee progress with the project – and that the Group will report back to the Finance & Policy Committee at regular intervals with updates and to obtain relevant authorisation at key stages of the project.

14. Questions for the Leader of the Council

None

15. To receive notification of matters that Members would like adding on a future agenda

None.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm