

**Minutes of the Durrington Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday
the 12th January 2021 via Zoom**

PRESENT	Cllr. Mr JP Todd	Chairman
	Cllrs. Mrs S Paines, Mr D Healing, Mrs K Sharp, Mr J Ellis, Mr S Botham, Mr S Rennie, Mr P Paul, Mr P Galan- Bamfield, Mr I Tierney, Mrs M Wardell,	Councillors
	In Attendance: Mrs J Tudor Cllr Mr G Wright 2 Members of public	Clerk Wiltshire Councillor

256/20 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – from Cllr K Sharp (who managed to join the meeting later on) and Cllr W Clarke

257/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – none declared

258/20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the Town Council meeting held on the 27th October 2020.

259/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Wiltshire Councillor Mr G Wright expressed a willingness to serve on the Council and following a presentation by Cllr Wright the Town Council **RESOLVED** to adopt him as a member. The members of the public present expressed their concerns about the future of Millennium Park and the possibility of the Town Council entering into a dialogue with the owners about its future use. The Town Council confirmed that at the moment the Land is classified for recreational purposes and that Wiltshire Council have no plans to build there in the foreseeable future. In view of the current Pandemic a meeting with the community to discuss the future of the land is not possible. The Town Council will consider any proposals in the future as and when they arise.

260/20 TO RESOLVE THE BUDGET FOR 2021/22 – The Town Council **RESOLVED** the budget for 2021/22.

261/20 TO RESOLVE THE PRECEPT FOR 2021/22 –The Town Council **RESOLVED** to set the Precept for 2021/22 at £210,000. This equates to £81.90 per Band D property, a rise of £11.49 on the 2020/21 amount. The increase will enable the Council to carry out repairs and maintenance to its facilities including the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and Tennis Courts, survey and work on the eroding riverbank, replace the cemetery lawn mower, install CCTV at the recreation ground and increase the Ear Marked Reserves for emergency repairs with an allocation for Elections in addition to its usual responsibilities.

262/20 TO REVIEW THE ASSET REGISTER AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2021 – The Town Council **RESOLVED** the updated Asset Register.

263/20 THE FOLLOWING DIRECT DEBITS WERE APPROVED FOR 2021/22:

BT – Phone line and Internet
British Gas – Electricity and Gas supply at the Village Hall and Pavilion
British Gas – Business Care Plan at the Village Hall
Wiltshire Council Business Rates – Pavilion, Village Hall and Cemetery
Water2Business – Village Hall, Pavilion, Cemetery, Allotments x 2
Run a Club – Youth Club subscription
Hills Waste – Waste Collection at the Village Hall and Pavilion
Public Works Loan – Loan Repayments for the Play Park.

264/20 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SOFTWARE – The Town Council **RESOLVED** the purchase of additional financial software up to £1567.00 to give more users access to the system and allow bookings and invoicing all in one package. The Clerk to investigate the Scribe and Rialtas packages further and decide which software will provide the best solution for the best price.

265/20 TO APPROVE THE ALLOTMENT FEES FOR 2022/23 – The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Allotment fees from 1st April 2022

266/20 The Town Council **RESOLVED** that the spending from the AVC contractor fund comes under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

267/20 The Town Council retrospectively **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from the Barrier people for £1745, for the barrier at Avon Valley College purchased from the contractor fund.

268/20 The Town Council retrospectively **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Pandora Technologies for £9529.75 for the purchase of the 4 SIDs.

269/20 The Town Council **RESOLVED** to accept the action plan put forward by the Youth Team if it is approved by the Police in the first instance. The Clerk is to contact the Police to request their input and approval and report back with their response.

270/20 The Town Council **RESOLVED**
a. The cheques and debits for October, November and December 2020
b. The bank reconciliation for the current account for October, November

and December 2020.

271/20 TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE FUNDS HELD IN THE NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT – The Town Council **RESOLVED** the movement of the funds into a higher rate interest account with the Hampshire Trust Building Society.

272/20 The Council **RESOLVED** the next meeting will take place via Zoom on the 26th January.

Signed _____ **Chairman** _____ **Date** _____

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