

DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on

Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

In the Robinson Room at the Village Hall, Durrington

Present	Cllr G Wright Cllr S Paines Cllr M Wardell Cllr P Paul Cllr S Burr	Chairman
	Jo Tudor	Clerk
Item	Minute	Action
103/21	Apologies received from Cllr S Rennie, Cllr D Healing, Cllr K Sharp, Cllr I Silk, Cllr W Clarke and Cllr P Galan-Bamfield	
104/21	There were no declaration of interests.	

105/21	MINUTES - The Town Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th of November 2021.	
106/21	PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS – There were no members of public present.	
107/21	PRESENATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2022/23 – The Chairman ran through the Budget and provided 3 options for projects next year. There was discussion and questions raised concerning a possible underspend this year and staffing costs next year. The Chairman explained that the Council was not a company, but a corporate body elected to provide facilities for the community. The Clerk explained that any underspend this year would be classed as general reserves of which the Council should have at least 6 months running costs in general reserves as advised by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance and the Auditors. The staffing costs this year have been disjointed due to retirement and vacancies and are expected to rise next year when the National Joint Council announces the pay rises for 2021 which will be backdated. The costs also provided an amount of room to cater for any overtime required during the year. Cllr Paines thanked the clerk and all of the staff for their continuing work during the pandemic as most of the staff have worked throughout the last 2 years with no one furloughed during the lockdowns. The income earned income from the facilities is still uncertain due to the Pandemic with many hirers cancelling this month, therefore the budget does forecast usual income for the next year and the remainder of this year.	

108/21	The Council RESOLVED to approve budget option 3 of £371,275.00.	
109/21	The Council RESOLVED to set the precept at £267,900 for 2022/23. This equates to £103.99pa per Band D property, a rise of £22.09pa on the 2021/22 amount. The increase will enable the Council to carry out repairs and maintenance to its facilities including the River bank, Tree surgery including Ash die back and significant pollarding, upgrading the pavilion changing rooms and redecorating the building, new fencing around the playpark at the recreation ground and the installation of toddler activities at the Avon Fields playpark, the installation of outdoor gym equipment at the recreation ground and holding a Jubilee fete for the whole community in June.	
110/21	The Council RESOLVED to approve the updated Asset Register as at Jan 2022.	
111/21	The Council RESOLVED to approve the following Direct Debits for 2022 BT – Phone line and Internet Hall and Pavilion British Gas – Electricity and Gas supply at the Village Hall and Pavilion British Gas – Business Care Plan at the Village Hall and Pavilion 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.	
112/21	 The Town Council RESOLVED a. The cheques and debits for December 2021. b. The bank reconciliation for the current account for December 2021. 	
101/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25 ^{th of} January 2022	

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