



WINTERTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mark Bobby, Vice-Chairman: *Vacant*

Clerk to the Council: J Towne

Responsible Financial Officer: Cllr. D. Clegg

Minutes of the Winterton-on-Sea Parish Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 6.30pm via Teams

Present: Cllr Mark Bobby, Cllr Dawn Clegg, Cllr Nigel Coe, Cllr M. Carr, and Cllr Liam McMahon.

Present: Zero members of the public.

Clerk: Jolene Towne

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr. John Smithson, Cllr. Emma Punchard and Cllr. Richard Henwood

2. Declarations of interest.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest were declared.

3. Public Participation and Reports (20 minutes maximum).

There were no members of the public present.

4. Budgeting.

4.1. As per items 1.13 & 3.3 of the Financial Regulations, this Parish Council has fulfilled its obligations to approve a budget for 2024-25

4.1.1 The draft budget for 2024-25 was reviewed and AGREED by all attending councillors. Councillors' clarified the purpose of some budgeted items such as external printing, and ensured that underspends in this year's budget were explained and understood. Cllr. J Smithson, Cllr. E Punchard and Cllr. R Henwood all sent written confirmation of their agreement.

4.1.2 The recommendation of a £43,475 precept for 2024/25 was made to council and reviewed and AGREED. This is an increase of £6,475 from 2023-24 and is equivalent to a £0.91 increase per household per month for Band D. This will be the first increase in three years, and it should be noted that the increase is due to the removal of concurrent functions grant for parks, open spaces, plus increased operating costs.

5. Council Business

5.1 It was proposed by Cllr M Carr and seconded by Cllr M Bobby to use Standing Order 26a, and noting Standing Order 10a (xv), that this council will set aside Standing Order 16a and Fin. Regs.1.8 (which require a member of staff to be a Responsible Financial Officer) until 30th June 2024. A 2/3 majority to pass was needed.

5.2 It was proposed by Cllr. M Carr and seconded by Cllr M Bobby to appoint Cllr. D Clegg as the Responsible Financial Officer as detailed in Standing Order 17 and described elsewhere in the Standing Orders and Fin. Regs. 1.9 as applicable for the essential financial management of the council, until 30th June 2024. There will be no salary or payment of any kind for this role and any expenses incurred will require the approval of the council.

5.3 It was agreed that the above appointment can be terminated should a different appointment need to be made, at any full council meeting or at an extraordinary meeting (possibly online) called by the Chair of the Council or any 2 members of the Council, by notifying the Clerk a week in advance.

6. Any other Business.

None.

7. The date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday January 24th, 2024, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 7pm