



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.30 pm

Part I

The Chairman reminded the councillors that the council voted a year ago to keep meetings short due to COVID and the meeting taking place was due to the requirement to approve a budget and resulting precept demand. Therefore, the meeting would proceed in a timely manner.

The Chairman assumed therefore that all attendees had read the papers associated to the agenda and in line with the Members Questions protocol had submitted any questions relating to these papers prior to the meeting.

114 / 21 Attendance and Apologies for absence.

Attendance: Cllr Buxton (Chairman); Cllr Biggs; Cllr Booth; Cllr Burn; Cllr Grover; Cllr Penney; Cllr Pike

Apologies for absence: Cllr Jacklin (Vice-Chairman); Cllr Evans; Cllr Luxton(RBWM) and Cllr Bateson (RBWM)

Present: R Davies (Clerk)

There was one member of the public present.

115 / 21 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

116 / 21 Approval of Minutes of Council of 14 December 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 14 December 2021 were approved with no amendments.

There was no Chairman's update for actions not covered in the agenda.

117 / 21 Announcements from the Chairman

The Chairman thanked ex councillor Mary Sayer for her work as a Parish Councillor over the last 6 years, with special mention to her work on the playground, allotments and communications of council. The Chairman expressed that her smile and knowledge will be missed by council.

The Chairman confirmed that an uncontested election had taken place and welcomed the elected councillor, Rick Bains, who would be meeting with the Clerk to sign his acceptance of office and associated documents later in the week.

The Chairman confirmed that a response had been sent to all councillors by the Deputy Clerk in response to the questions regarding the footpath across Wentworth. This confirmed that:

Wentworth Club has taken the decision to close this part of the footbridge until further notice. This decision was taken to protect the safety of anyone crossing the damaged footbridge. Please rest assured that we have liaised with Surrey County Council on this action.

Thanks to the Deputy Clerk for following this up.

Finally, the Chairman confirmed that the next council meeting will be in March with the cancellation of the planned February meeting due to the significant local increase in COVID. The Chairman confirmed that tonight's meeting only went ahead due to the budget and precept resolution needing to an in person vote.

118 / 21 Update from RBWM Ward Councillors

No update was received this month.

119 / 21 Public Adjournment

The Chairman stood down the Standing Orders at the beginning of this agenda item and confirmed no questions had been received from residents prior to the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed a member of the public had registered to ask a question, however, was not in attendance.

The Chairman confirmed therefore there were no questions to respond to and reconvened the Council Meeting and re-instated the Standing Orders.

120 / 21 Councillors Questions and Business Motions

The Chairman confirmed that no questions received prior to the meeting and there were no councillor questions submitted for this meeting.

120 / 21 / 1 The council received a proposal in conjunction with the Business Plan Objective SF1 to provide an outreach information, advice and guidance service in Sunningdale in partnership with Bracknell CAB.

ACTION: Amend the service description prior to publishing to note "Confidential Advice Service"

RESOLVED: That the approves the proposal in conjunction with business plan objective SF1 and allocates £8,469 from CIL EMR in the council year 2022 2023 with the option to increase this on review February 2023 for a further 4 years under cil funding.

For: Cllr Burn; Cllr Penney; Cllr Biggs; Cllr Grover; Cllr Booth; Cllr Buxton

Against:

Abstain: Cllr Pike

121 / 21 Business from previous meetings

The council received a verbal update on the ongoing work to set up the library provision in the community room and that RBWM is now looking to make the appropriate capital equipment purchases. The Clerk confirmed the £14k capital allowance allocated by RBWM to set up the library has still to be approved in the February budget process, and therefore conversations over the transfer of service are currently being conducted officer to officer.

122 / 21 Presentation of Committee Minutes, reports from Representatives and proposals from Working Groups.

122 / 21 / 1 Cllr Booth presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting 11 January 2022 and noted that any actions were covered under proposals before council in this meeting and therefore unless there were any further questions there was nothing to add.

122 / 21 / 2 The council received and reviewed the proposal for a new Honours Board for the William Pack cup.

RESOLVED: That the council purchases an Honours Board at a cost of £560.47 using S106 Allotment funds.

122 / 21 / 3 The council received a CIL Grant application from Charters School with the recommendation for funding made by the finance committee of £12,600 on the basis that the remaining funding was confirmed to be in place by the applicant prior to any monies being paid out.

RESOLVED: That the council awards £12,600 of the available Stakeholder Grant fund for 2021 2022 to Charters School for the project as detailed in their grant application.

For: Cllr Burn; Cllr Penney; Cllr Pike; Cllr Biggs; Cllr Grover; Cllr Booth and Cllr Buxton
Against: None
Abstain: None

122 / 21 / 4 The council received the proposal from the Cycling and Walking group to allocated £3,900 to an EMR Cycling and Walking (CIL) from the existing CIL EMR to deliver a set of projects over the next 18 months.

RESOLVED: That the council allocates £3,900 to an EMR Cycling and Walking (CIL) from the existing CIL EMR to deliver a set of projects over the next 18 months.

For: Cllr Burn; Cllr Penney; Cllr Pike; Cllr Biggs; Cllr Grover; Cllr Booth and Cllr Buxton
Against:
Abstain:

123 / 21 Council Budget 2022 2023

123 / 21 / 1 Cllr Booth presented the amended final budget for 2022 2023 with the resulting precept demand as prepared by the finance committee and the RFO.

Cllr Booth highlighted the differences between the presentation made to council on the 14 December 2021 and the budget before council:

- Presentation had a total precept demand of £210, 547
- At the meeting on the 14 December 2021 council approved the:
 - Meetings Admin recruitment with a compensating reduction in the Clerk's hour which resulted in a net saving of £1,423
 - Legal support contract with a resulting increase in the legal and professional fees budget provision of £2,600
- Resulting in a total precept demand of £211,724 at that point
- The Finance Committee met on the 11 January at which point a By Election had been called with a resulting charge to council which directly affected the budget provision previously made for 2022 2023 for election expenses, resulting in a further £1500 for election expenses.
- This took the final precept demand to the level as shown in the detailed budget papers to £213,224.

Cllr Booth updated the council on the extensive discussion which took place in the Finance Committee meeting on whether the cost of the staffing for the library provision should be met from precept or CIL funds. He confirmed the resulting decision that this should be levied on the precept, as shown in the Finance Committee minutes. The resolution was not unanimous but carried and therefore the committee's proposed final budget is brought to council on this basis.

Cllr Booth confirmed the budget to be approved includes the charging schedule, reserves schedule and cost centre splits for employee costs.

RESOLVED: That the council approves the balanced budget for 2022 2023 to include the council charging schedule and Reserve movements as prepared by the Finance Committee.

For: Cllr Biggs; Cllr Booth; Cllr Burn; Cllr Buxton; Cllr Grover; Cllr Penney
Against: Cllr Pike
Abstain:

RESOLVED: That the council approves the precept total demand for 2022 2023 as £213,224, an increase of £18,921 year on year which is £5.16 per year per band D equivalent.

For: Cllr Biggs; Cllr Booth; Cllr Burn; Cllr Buxton; Cllr Grover; Cllr Penney
Against: Cllr Pike
Abstain:

RESOLVED: That the council approves the precept demand per band D of £61.29 for 2022 2023.

For: Cllr Biggs; Cllr Booth; Cllr Burn; Cllr Buxton; Cllr Grover; Cllr Penney
Against: Cllr Pike
Abstain:

The Chairman and council members thanked the Chairman of Finance Committee, Finance Committee members and the RFO for the work associated with the preparation of the budget and associated papers.

124 / 21 Finance Report

124 / 21 / 1 The Council received the FOI EXEMPT Responsible Financial Officer's Financial report up to 31 December 2021 with no questions or points to note.

124 / 21 / 2 The Council received the Council Detail Report to 31 December 2021. There were no points to raise.

124 / 21 / 3 The Council received the receipts and payments up to 31 December 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Receipts for December 2021 are approved.

RESOLVED: That the Payments for December 2021 are approved.

125 / 21 Information Sharing.

Cllr Buxton shared with the council the recent article in the Telegraph "52 poshest villages to live in Britain" of which Sunningdale was named.

126 / 21 To resolve exclusion of members of the public and press in accordance with the applicable Legislation for the following PART II Agenda.

RESOLVED: That the council approves the exclusion of members of the public from the PART II of the meeting. Part I of the meeting closed at 20:25 and the Chairman moved on to PART II

Signed: _____

Dated: _____