

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2019 at 6.00pm at the Druitt Hall, High Street, Christchurch BH23 1AJ

Present:-

Vice-Chairman: Cllr A Coulton (In the Chair)

Present: Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr C A Gardiner, Cllr W Grace, Cllr F F T Neale, Cllr Mrs S Spittle, Cllr M J Tarling.

Apologies: Honorary Freeman Cllr C Bungey, Cllr Mrs S Bungey, and Cllr P Hilliard

Officers

present: Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer

129. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

130. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Voting: unanimous

131. Public Participation

There was no public participation on this occasion.

132. Public Questions

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

133. Town Clerk's Report

An updated schedule of payments for October 2019 circulated at the meeting was approved and signed, which appears as Appendix 'A' to these minutes in the minute book.

The monthly accounts for the period to the end of October 2019 was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that:

- a) **the schedule of payments for October 2019 be approved; and**
- b) **the monthly accounts for the period to the end of October 2019 be noted.**

Voting: Nem. Con.

134. Draft Budget Report

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider the Town Council's draft budget report for 2020/2021 and were informed that the Shadow Town Council had set the precept at £27.89 for 2019/2020 which was an extraordinarily low figure as the report highlighted in the comparisons for surrounding Councils in Dorset and Hampshire.

Members were informed that to meet the challenges in 2020/2021 it would be necessary for the precept per property to be raised from £27.89 to £41.95 and that this increase figure was a quarter of the Town Council's immediate neighbouring councils.

Members noted the following points:

- The draft budget increase was 5% across the board.
- £50,000 allocated in year one for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- £25,000 allocated for the Britain in Bloom competition as a Community Event.
- £12,000 introduced for grants.
- £29,000 increase in staffing costs for the creation of a new post.
- £8,000 Damage Contingency added to the draft budget following damage at Mudeford Recreation and the Old Town Hall this year.

- The Town Council had a minimum income stream of approximately £4,000.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council the draft budget for 2020/2021 noting the precept figure of £41.95 on a Band D property.

Voting: unanimous

The meeting ended at 7.21pm

CHAIRMAN