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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs R King (Town Mayor), L Brazier, D Shelton, R Shilling, B Wells

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Cllr T Wildgust – NSDC and one member of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R Allwood, P Beedle, D Cumberlidge, M Staley, S Willis due to work and D Batey, A Malcolm, J Munroe, M Pringle for personal reasons

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted.

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

23/01 To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 14th December 2022

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

23/02 To receive any information from the Clerk following actions agreed at the last meeting (*not already covered on the agenda*)

Following a decision by members regarding the allocation of monies previously held in the Boughton Markham's Charity, the Clerk reported that she had contacted Mark Staley, who was a member of the Boughton Village Hall committee, for confirmation of what their donation would be used for.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Valentine Marshall who was extremely grateful for the donation of monies towards the Dukeries Young People's Centre. They would also confirm to the Clerk what they will be using their donation for.

23/03 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

Standing Orders were suspended.

A question was asked if there was a record of the number of people who have access to IT facilities in the Town.

The Clerk responded that this was not something that the Town Council would have access to.

23/04 To resume Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed.

23/05 To formally receive any proposals discussed whilst Standing Orders were suspended

None received.

23/06 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

Cllr Brazier informed members that a new bench had now been purchased for David Jones, the NUM and Ex & Retired Miners would be supplying a new plaque for the bench.

The Clerk confirmed that an Events meeting would be arranged when members of the committee have confirmed their availability.

23/07 To receive any written reports from District and County Councillors

None received.

23/08 Junior Town Council

Cllr R Shilling reported that it was the first JTC meeting he had attended, he found the JT Cllrs to be well behaved with all participating in the meeting and given the chance to contribute their views. Great discussions took place led by a good Chair.

The Clerk reported that following a full debate at a previous meeting a chain of office had been purchased which was presented at the meeting by the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Brazier.

23/09 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule(s) of accounts for payment

The Clerk tabled an amended schedule of accounts, which was duly approved and signed.

Members were reminded that invoices were available for inspection at this meeting.

2. To receive a recommendation from the Special meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 for the 2023/24 Budget

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the figures for the 2023/2024 Budget and gave recommendation that they be accepted by the Town Council.

Proposed: Cllr L Brazier
Decision: Nem-con

Seconded: Cllr B Wells

3. To formally agree the Budget proposals and Precept requirements for the financial year commencing 1st April 2023

Proposed: Cllr L Brazier **Seconded:** Cllr R Shilling
Decision: Nem-con

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to serve a precept figure upon NSDC of £471,064.

A copy of the breakdown figures are appended to these minutes.

23/10

Special Projects

To receive any relevant updates and agree future actions regarding the following:

1. Town Centre Regeneration – Levelling up Fund and High Street Task Force

High Street Task Force report still awaited.

Members were informed that the LUF application had been unsuccessful. A third round of bidding would be taking place at a later date.

Item then moved to the Confidential part of the meeting due to its commercially sensitive nature.

2. Cemetery Extension

The Clerk reported that the valuation of the land was still being awaited.

3. Play areas

The Clerk reported that whilst some recent issues with the skate park had been fixed the sub-structure required some substantial work to be carried out.

Following discussion members agreed that this area of concern was down to a design issue and requested that the Clerk contact the relevant parties involved with its development to inform them of this.

23/11

Events

1. To receive suggestions on the commemoration of the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III

The Clerk informed members that the guidance she had been received so far had stated that there were to be no beacons lit for the Coronation and small community events were advised rather than for large scale events to take place.

Various issues would need to be taken into consideration should the Council wish to organise an event ie District and Town/Parish elections would be taking place on the Thursday and Friday prior to the Coronation on Saturday 6th May; additional cost to the Council for wages as it is a bank holiday weekend and also all Councillors would also be required to

be present and assist with the event.

Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to speak with external organisations to assess what support the Council could provide such as bunting, paper tableware etc as per the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event last year.

23/12 Outside Bodies

1. To receive a report from members of the SFEP (Sherwood Forest Education Partnership)

Cllr Brazier reported that the SFEP was still going strong and busy with the following:

Focus on health and well-being
Active partnership, opening up school sporting facilities
Ollerton library re-opening – all invited
Code Club re-starting soon
Thursday night club a Walesby Camp – 3rd Thursday every month, for 11-18 year olds
Dukeries – Holiday Action Fund – during the summer

2. To agree the reports for the next meeting

- Cllr M Staley – to provide a report on Boughton Village Hall
- Cllr R Shilling – to provide a report on Age Concern Friendship Group

23/13 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following minutes were noted:

1. Planning Committee – 10th January 2023
2. Special Projects Committee – 16th January 2023
3. Specials Finance & Audit Committee – 18th January 2023

23/14 Correspondence

None.

23/15 To note the date and time of the next meeting.

Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 7pm

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Signed:

Dated: