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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs L Brazier (Chair), D Batey, A Brazier, R Fazil, J Halligan, G Lake, J Munroe, M Pringle, D Shelton, L Shilling, R Shilling

Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk) Mrs J Fletcher (Deputy Clerk)

Lauren Astle – Community Protection Officer, NSDC

APOLOGIES: Cllrs P Beedle, M Staley and B Wells for personal reasons

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

24/01 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 13th December 2023

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

24/02 Clerks Report *(not already covered on the agenda)*

Nothing further to report.

24/03 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. A short presentation by Lauren Astle, NSDC Community Protection Officer

Lauren informed members that currently there was a team of 4 CPO's who were responsible for 4 patches across the District. Ollerton, New Ollerton and Boughton areas come under her remit.

The CPO's deal with anti-social behaviour, fly tipping and all things relating to dogs including dog fouling.

Several issues were raised by Councillors including:

- Dirt bikes – groups of bikes without number plates causing issues, information to be passed onto the Police.
- Parking around schools – all 3 middle schools are attending a meeting and Lauren will be invited to attend.

- Land opposite Ollerton Pit Woods, fly tipping – Planning Enforcement team are aware of this issue.
- Property in state of disrepair on A614, fly tipping – Lauren to check with Enforcement Team
- Dead vermin and rubbish behind Bargain Booze on Forest Road – Lauren to speak with Enforcement Team and the owner of the shop.

2. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

No members of the public in attendance.

24/04 To resume Standing Orders

Standing Orders were resumed.

24/05 To formally receive any proposals discussed whilst Standing Orders were suspended

None.

24/06 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

Cllr L Shilling had raised a question regarding the lack of updates on the ongoing issue of Ollerton Hall.

The Clerk reported that an email had recently been circulated to all members from Oliver Scott, NSDC who had explained the reasons for the delay with the project. Prior to work beginning on the property all conservation works had to be completed. The DC would also ensure that the contract with the Developer would be watertight.

24/07 To receive any written reports from District and County Councillors

None.

24/08 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

An amended Schedule of Accounts for Payment was tabled, 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 17th January 2024 for the 2024/25 Budget

The Clerk reported that all members had been given the opportunity to inspect and make comment on the proposed budget figures at a Special Finance & Audit Meeting.

The Clerk informed members that, as per previous years, she had sent the spreadsheet showing the effect of the budget proposals on the

Council Tax to the Business Manager at NSDC for checking. An email had been received confirming that the calculations were correct.

Following discussion the Clerk was requested to obtain information from the District Council confirming the increased number of houses this year against the number used last year.

3. To formally agree the Budget Proposals and Precept requirements for the financial year commencing 1st April 2024

The Chair of Finance & Audit proposed the budget figures be agreed as per the information presented to Full Council.

Proposed: Cllr Batey
Decision: Nem-con

Seconded: Cllr L Shilling

Resolved: that the budget figures shown in the spreadsheet provided to all members be accepted.

It was acknowledged by all members that the budget had been prepared using accurate information that had highlighted the ongoing effect of the increase in utility bills and running costs of the Council, and that the subsequent increase in Council Tax would be difficult for some residents to afford.

It was therefore proposed that earmarked reserves be reviewed to release £20,000 to subsidise the increase.

Proposed: Cllr Batey
Decision: Nem-con

Seconded: Cllr L Shilling

Resolved: that £20,000 be released from Earmarked Reserves previously set aside for Town Hall repairs and improvements.

It was further:

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to serve a precept figure upon NSDC of £506,599

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

24/09

Special Projects

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

1. Town Centre Regeneration – Levelling up Fund

The Clerk reported that a site visit had recently taken place in and around Nottingham with Consultants, Architects, NSDC Officers and members of OBTC.

Cllr R Shilling, Chairman of Special Projects gave a brief outline of the visit and the various projects viewed that would provide ideas for the regeneration of Ollerton town centre.

24/11 Environment Committee

To receive any relevant updates regarding the following:

1. Cemetery Extension

No further update.

2. Tree Works

The Clerk reported that there were a small number of works still to be completed. The invoices had been received for the previous works and a schedule of works going forward is to be provided by the Contractor.

24/11 Events

1. Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024

To be deferred to the next meeting.

24/12 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following minutes were noted and acknowledged

1. Planning Committee – Tuesday 9th January 2024
2. Environment Committee – Tuesday 16th January 2024
3. Special Finance & Audit Committee – Wednesday 17th January 2024

24/13 Correspondence

None.

24/14 To note the date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 7pm