

BEAUDESERT & HENLEY IN ARDEN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES – JPC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Here are the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Joint Parish Council which took place on **Monday the 14th of December 2020**, at 6.00pm, using zoom technology.

Present: Cllr E Field [Chair] Cllrs Kingsnorth, Okey, Bainbridge, Cllr K Easton joined the meeting during **Item 10.00**.

Public Participation Session: There were no members of the public present.

MEETING

Item 1.00

Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs V & R Hubbocks

Item 2.00

Dispensations

Not received

Item 3.00

To receive declarations of Interests Local Authorities

None received.

Item 4.00

County and District Councillors Reports

No district or county representatives were present, but Clerk wished to note that despite comments made at district level to be discussed later in the Ordinary Meeting, would reveal that the SDC were planning an increase in council taxes and that every effort should be made by the JPC to consider this in their deliberations for the precept application in January.

Item 5.00

To receive and sign the Minutes of Last Ordinary Meeting - 16th November 2020

[LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41\(1\)](#)

The Chair asked all Members if they had viewed the minutes in question. It was **RESOLVED** that they were a true record and could be signed by the Chair. This motion was proposed by Cllr A Okey, seconded by Cllr E Field, Cllr M Bainbridge did not vote as she was not present at that meeting, the motion was carried in favour by three votes from the other members present.

Item 6.00

Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

Item 7.00

Chair's Announcements

The Chair had no announcements to make.

Item 8.00

Clerk's Announcements

The Clerk advised all that he had published the current creditors list on the website in order that all outstanding debts were listed for consideration.

Item 9.00

To approve the current Finance Report and Payments to creditors [Appended Documents]

LGA 1972 s150 (5)]

A short discussion took place on the listing of creditors. It was **RESOLVED** that they were agreeable to all creditors receiving payment. This motion was proposed by Cllr J Kingsnorth, seconded by Cllr A Okey, the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 10.00

Town Cleaning and Maintenance

Broad discussion regarding standing costs for bus shelter maintenance, storage, and the hire of venues for Parish Meetings. Clerk commented that there was an unsigned and undated contract with the Heritage Centre to hire the reading room for £100.00 per month which the assembled members thought was too costly. The Clerk mentioned that payments ceased in March due to Covid but that he would approach Mr Kench to clarify the issue. The Chair suggested that hall hire be deferred until the new year, that the Clerk approach RC Window cleaning saying he had been asked to go to open tender for the work. The Chair referred to the storage facility [13 Whitley Road] which was used to store sand bags and other equipment owned by the JPC, which was useful space and should now be the subject of a clear-up by members in order to catalogue the contents more accurately.

Under this heading, at the end of the meeting, Cllr Bainbridge raised litter picking, that she and others had volunteered to carry out this task and that the JPC must now consider this being conducted by a contractor, paid by the JPC. The Clerk advised that Biffa were contracted to do limited areas, Cllr Bainbridge said that the current coverage was not enough and that she has observed litter on a large scale, which due to the scarcity of visitors, was being deposited by members of the community, a situation she found shameful. She suggested a campaign to bring greater awareness by using all media available. Cllr Kingsnorth asked was there any provision in the budget, the Clerk suggested that this was provided for under Roads and Pavements allocation of £2,000.00. The Chair asked that the matter of a contractor or a group of volunteers be placed on the January agenda. All members agreed that it was in need of urgent and comprehensive action.

Item 11.00

THE BUDGET

Chair referred to the budget prepared by the Clerk and Cllr Kingsnorth commented that the listing was now more comprehensive and that the public may understand the distribution of spending more easily. That the figures, subject to final honing, were in order and should be recommended to full council occurring later in the day, to go forward with the proposal. It was **RESOLVED** that motion be agreed, proposed by Cllr J Kingsnorth, seconded by Cllr K Easton, the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 12.00

THE PRECEPT

Chair asked if the members were agreeable to the precept for 2021-2022 being held at the previous 2019-2020 level of **£116,600.00**, and that the Finance Committee make the recommendation to full council. It was **RESOLVED** that the motion that the Finance Committee would recommend to full council was proposed by Cllr J Kingsnorth, seconded by Cllr A Okey, the motion was carried unanimously.

Date of next meeting: 11th January 2021

Signed..... Date.....

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