

# SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held at The Bay Primary School, Winchester Park Road, Sandown on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 commencing 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: Young, Andre, Brading, Cowley, Humby, Lawson, Mereweather, Teasdale, Ward and Young.

In attendance: Town Clerk Tina Bailey and Admin Assistant Mrs. Vikki Wright

Press and Public: 18

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Young, in the absence of the Mayor. Cllr Lawson advised he was recording the meeting.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – 15 minutes are available for members of the public to speak on matters relating to the item on the agenda.

The following questions were put forward.

- What is happening about the planning consent for houses at the Broadway Centre?
- Concern that with no Poll cards issued how is anyone to know about the election?
- Request for information on the quotes to progress the playground repairs.
- Toilets are sub standard –provision should be made for them.
- Highway concern regarding roundabout at the bottom of the Broadway - Cllr Ward in his capacity as an IW Councillor, offered to deal with this matter.

## **1617/18 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from the Mayor, Cllr Patel and Cllr. Dupre.

## **1618/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests

2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

Councillor Ward declared an interest in any matter relating to the IW Council.

Councillor Andre declared an interest as a member of Christ Church Parochial Parish Council in the matter relating to the boundary wall between the Church and the Broadway Centre.

## **1619/18 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND HR MEETING 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

The minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January and the HR meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved.

## **1620/18 PIER STREET TOILETS – A FORMAL DECISION IS REQUIRED IF THE TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO ACCEPT AND PROGRESS THE TRANSFER OF THE FREEHOLD OF PIER STREET TOILETS, FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL.**

The building is in a bad state of repair and requires considerable large sums of money to be spent on it and the Town Council cannot afford this liability; the internal wrangling between IWC departments has led to confusion but noted that this should not be considered relevant; there is no budget provision for the future running costs of these toilets.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Town Council decline to take over the freehold of Pier Street toilets.

That the IWC will be advised that the Town Council will now cease to continue running the toilets.

Carried with 3 abstentions

**1621/18 TO AGREE A QUOTE FOR SANDHAM GARDENS LIGHTING**

Item dealt with at meeting on 8th February as response was time limited.

**1622/18 PLAYGROUNDS - FURTHER TO MINUTE 1602/18, TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.**

The Clerk reminded the Council of their resolution in December 2017 regarding repairs and advised that the council may not have sufficient funds to proceed until the new financial year, when a budget allocation of £60,000 for the playgrounds ( if the budget is approved) would be available. A proposal to form a working party was queried by a Councillor as it involved a person standing as a candidate for election for the current Town Council vacancy. The proposal was subsequently withdrawn. The following proposal was put forward:

That the playground needs to be re-opened as soon as possible. Budget to cover what is essential. Engage the contractor and pay a deposit to replace surface and undertake repairs identified in the Inspector's report.

**RESOLVED**

That the playground needs to be re-opened as soon as possible. Budget to cover what is essential. Engage the contractor and pay deposit to replace the surface and undertake the repairs identified in the Inspector's report. The Clerk is authorised to deal with this.

**1623/18 AUDIT ADHERENCE**

**1. To receive, note and approve the Annual Risk Management.**

The Clerk advised that the annual risk management stood alongside the budget to identify and deal with risks facing the council

Request for a future agenda item to discuss forward planning was acknowledged.

**RESOLVED**

That the Annual Risk Management is noted and approved.

**2. To appoint the Internal Auditor**

The Clerk advised that although reference to changing the Internal Auditor had been made in previous minutes, it appeared that no further action had been either agreed or minuted. As a consequence the Town Council did not have an appointed Auditor.

**RESOLVED**

That the Mr Hughes be asked to undertake the Internal Audit again this year.

**3. Asset Register**

The completion of the asset register has been deferred until the March meeting, as the agreed action by Town Councillors as per minute 1592/17 is still pending.

**1624/18 TO AGREE THE BUDGET FOR 2018/19**

The public were provided with the proposed budget summary and the Mayor made the following statement:

‘ This has been a difficult budget for the Council.

Recently we discovered that we have we have problems in reclaiming the VAT paid out for the Broadway Centre rebuild and we have appointed a VAT specialist to help us sort this out. Unfortunately this problem has effectively wiped out the Town Council’s reserves this year.

As a result we have gone through our budget process very thoroughly and have suggested cuts in our overall running costs where possible and we now going to make the final decisions. As a consequence our precept will be much higher for the 2018/19 financial year.’

**RESOLVED**

That the budget for 2018/19 is accepted.

**1625/18 TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2018/19**

**RESOLVED**

That the precept for 2018/19 is set at £429,902.00

Band D equivalent is £179.33 per annum - £3.40 per week

**1626/18 BROADWAY CENTRE**

**1. To agree a date for the Town Council to meet at the Broadway Centre to review progress before completion.**

The contractors are very busy inside the building and have requested the meeting take place in two to three week’s time.

**2. To review and set the hire charges**

A meeting date will be arranged as soon as possible.

**1627/18 TO AGREE A DATE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS**

**RESOLVED**

That the Council meet on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm to review the applications.

**1628/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED**

The next full Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20.15

Chairman .....

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