



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 30th November 2021, held at The Waters Room, Old Grammar School, Chipping Sodbury at 19:30 hrs

Committee Members Councillors: B Allen, J Ball (Chairman), L Banister, C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney, S Spooner, A Williams

Present:

Cllrs B Allen, J Ball, C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney, A Rush, S Spooner, A Williams

Clerk: Cate Davidson

Asst Clerk: Jackie Murley

87. Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr Banister. Cllr A Rush stood for Cllr Banister.

88. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at this time.

89. Approval of Minutes of 28th September 2021

Resolved that the minutes of 28th September 2021 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

90. Matters Arising

Cllr Spooner reported following attendance at a Tourist Information Centre meeting and that maintenance was ongoing on the building.

91. Budget Reports to 31st October 2021

The Income and Expenditure schedule to 31st October 2021 was circulated to all Councillors with the agenda for this meeting. The Clerk went through item by item and Members given the opportunity to ask questions. With regard to Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Loans 1 & 2, Clerk to get up-to-date information on the current status and forward to Members.

The Clerk reported The Big Lunch organisation was seeking additional funding for the Christmas Lunch this year. **RESOLVED** to award £1000 with a recommendation they contact Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity for additional funding.

Cllrs S Spooner and A Rush to liaise with regard to Member Awarded Funding (MAF) for Sodbury Woodland & Nature (SWaN).

92. Bank Reconciliation (circulated by e-mail)

It was **RESOLVED** that the bank statements have been checked and correspond with bank reconciliations as tabled.

93. Annual Budget 2022/23

Following circulation of a Budget Report together with financial reports which showed the current budget, predicted spend and proposed budget, the Clerk gave Members the opportunity to ask questions. The expected Council Tax Base (CTB) was noted and discussion was had in the event there was a significant difference once confirmation received from SGC.



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RESOLVED the Budget for 2022/2023 approved and taken to Full Council for ratification.

RESOLVED a Precept of £282,414.00 approved and taken to Full Council for ratification.
Note predicted CTB: £130.14pa per Band D household

Cllr A Rush attended the meeting to provide an update re. on-going funding for Youth in Sodbury, who were awarded £10,000 in grant monies. He reported:-

- *Numbers down since COVID*
- *Club runs at a loss*
- *£5000 required for Reserves*

94. S106 – Project Management Costs

- The Clerk reported the town council was undertaking a project to instal play equipment on The Ridings in partnership with The Town Trust using S106 funds. Contact had been made with SGC to provide “architectural services” for the project and response received (circulated) which detailed the service provided.
- At discussion, it was considered expertise was required to take the project forward. **RESOLVED** to appoint a SGC to supply professional landscape architectural services at a cost of circa £3,500

95. Items to report

Cllr Ball reported an increase in vandalism in the area, specifically graffiti. The Clerk confirmed the Police were scheduled to attend the next Full Council meeting and the matter could be discussed further.

96. Date of next meeting: TBA

Meeting closed at 20:26

Signed

Dated