



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 22nd November 2022, held in The Old Reading Rooms, 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 (Chairman), L Banister, C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney & S Spooner

Clerk: Cate Davidson

144. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Williams.

145. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at this time.

146. Approval of Minutes of 27th September 2022

Resolved that the minutes of 27th September 2022 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

147. Matters Arising

No matters were raised at this time.

148. Budget Report to 31st October 2022

Members received the income and expenditure to date, and it was **Resolved** that it be approved.

149. Bank Reconciliation and Statements to 31st October 2022

Members viewed the bank statements and reconciliations for both accounts to date and noted that the balances on both agree. It was **Resolved** that the bank reconciliations be approved.

150. Annual Budget 2022/23

Members received the proposed budget and precept calculation for 2023/2024.

The Clerk was asked to include a budget of £2,500 towards Coronation events which had been agreed by Full Council in October. The Clerk responded that this had not been included as the Big Lunch had confirmed they would not be holding a Coronation event, if members want the budget included then funds would have to be saved from elsewhere. Some discussion was had about purchasing mugs or similar to distribute to schoolchildren. It was decided that if members wanted to do this, they could lead the project and that funds could be made available from elsewhere of this proceeds.

It was **Resolved** that the budget be approved, and that the precept is kept at the same level per household. The Clerk was given delegated authority to make minor adjustments to the budget once the firm council tax base has been received from SGC, the final budget and precept will be approved at Full Council in December/January.



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The Clerk advised members that she has made enquiries into next year's CIL fund and to date £27,743 has been received by SGC with an additional £6k due. This funding will be paid to STC in April 2023.

151. Items to report

The Clerk advised members that details of the Tribunal appeal in relation to the FOI request has been received. The Clerk and Chairman have drafted a response to this, but the content of the appeal request is restricted information at this time. Members advised that if necessary legal representation must be sought. Both the Chairman and Clerk felt this was not needed at this time but will review the matter once a response is received from the Tribunal Clerk.

152. Date of next meeting: 28th February 2023

Meeting closed at 20.10

Signed

Dated