**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at The Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick

**Cllr Mike Whittingham, Chairman**

**Present**

Councillors: David Whipp, Chris Church, Callum Hird, Jodie Hoyle, Lindsay Gaskell, Ken Hartley, Tom Whipp, Mandy Boardman, Jayne Mills & John Rose Parker

**21/62 Apologies for Absence**

Councillors: Marjorie Adams, Emma West and Mick Strickland

**21/63 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hartley expressed an interest in item 7d (setting of precept) due to being a resident of Barnoldswick.

**21/64 Open Forum**

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.

**21/65 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 10th November 2021 be approved as presented.

**21/66 Committee/Working Group Reports**

1. **General Purposes – 8th December 2021**

Cllr David Whipp updated the council on the successful grant application which will allow 4 events to go ahead. The majority of the work will be undertaken by the town council. An evaluation report written after the Solstice Event was handed out to councillors and this was very positive. The next event is a Festival of Ice and Fire and is due to take place on the 29th January 2022. There was a request for stewards for the ice sculptures.

The Platinum Jubilee Fund application was rejected.

The sound desk that was reported as missing in November has been found so needs adding back to the asset register.

A diagram showing the plans for the back beds on the town square was circulated.

**Resolved:** To note the information about the grants.

To add the sound desk back to the asset register.

To advise Bloom that the council support the installation of the hedge but would like them to look at a different type of hedging as they are concerned about the poisonous berries on yew.

**21/67 Financial Matters**

**Resolved:** To confirm that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting.

**21/68 2021/2022 Estimated Out-turn & 2022/2023 Budget**

1. 2021/2022 estimated out-turn
2. 2022/2023 Budget Proposal
3. To consider allotment rents for 2022/2023
4. Setting of precept 2022/2023

**Resolved**: That Council note the estimated out-turn and year end balance of £239,570 at 31st March 2022.

That the draft budget set out in item 7b be adjusted as follows:

Allotments be reduced by £2,000

Backing Barlick reduced by £5,000

Bus Shelters reduced by £500

Butts Store reduced by £600

Events by £10,000

Hanging baskets/planting by £1,000

Market by £1,000

Public Toilets by £3,000

That council notes the subsequent reduction in the budget requirement to £443,000, and that the expenditure on new allotments at Greenberfield is non-recurring spending.

That council requests the HR panel to consider and make recommendations on salary levels of existing employees for 2022/2023, and to consider a backdated increment for the Clerk.

That the draft budget at appendix 7b as amended be approved.

That allotment rents be increased by £5 across the board.

Precept 2022/23

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That the consequent budget requirement of £443,000 be met as follows:

BOTS Bar 50,000

Civic Hall 30,000

Market 5,000

Parks 3,000

Allotments 5,000

Donations from events 5,000

Use of reserves 70,000

Precept 275,000

That the precept for Barnoldswick Town Council for 2022/23 be £275,000.

That council note the consequent estimated balance at 31st March 2023 is £170,000.

**21/69 Hanging Baskets, Watering & Summer Planting**

Resolved: To suspend financial regulations due to the quality of product and service we receive and subject to no substantial increase in cost order hanging baskets and plants from Gledstone Gardens, Mark Bell to water the hanging baskets.

**21/70 PSPO Review**

**Resolved:** Write to Pendle and ask for the following alterations: Dogs off lead in area next to Gospel Mission in Valley Gardens, Dogs off lead on area at the other side of the wall at Letcliffe, Dogs off lead in the area to the right when you enter Victory Park from the West Close Road entrance. Dogs on lead at skate park and cycle track. To look at signage on the floor near skate park.

**21/71 Land at Harrison Street**

**Resolved:** To object to Pendle Borough Council making this land surplus to requirements on the basis that this land was gifted to the town for amenity purposes and it should be in the ownership of the town council as this was agreed at policy and resources in June 2019.

**21/72 Planning Application 21/0972/FUL**

**Harrison Street Dental Centre, Harrison Street, Barnoldswick**

Full: Formation of first floor extension with pitched roof, additional four air conditioning units and alterations to window/door and existing parking layout and creation of 13 parking spaces and 6 cycle shelter on adjacent land.

**Resolved: Broadly in favour of the plans. Additional practice space will be favourable. As the parking area is on land which should be in the ownership of the town council alternative parking arrangements will have to be looked at. Suggestion would be to look at the scheme which would create more parking off Clifford Street and link to Lower Park Street.**

**21/73 Correspondence/Items for information**

The Clerk read correspondence from Pendle Leisure which stated that as we paid for the free swimming in 2019 no payment would be needed if the scheme went ahead in 2022.

**Approved as a correct record of the above meeting**

**Signed………………………………………………………**

**Date…………………………………………………………**

**Cllr Mike Whittingham – Chair of the Full Council**

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