



Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2019
at 7pm in the Council Chambers, Market Hall, Holsworthy

Present: Cllr. J. Hutchings, J. Briggs, J. Heaven, H. Parker, K. Musker, J. Sanders, P. Shepherd, M. Stanton & K Watson.

In attendance: Town Clerk (TC)
Cllr. Ian Parker (TDC)
PC Mandy Brown Holsworthy Sector Devon & Cornwall Police
Zoe Uglow Holsworthy Post (Press)

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor Cllr. Jon Hutchings gave an update in respect of the health of Deputy Mayor Cllr. Colin Punter who is now in a Nursing Home in Poughhill. All present sent Colin and his family their best wishes.

4087. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. C. Punter & Cllr. J Allen
Cllr. B. Parsons (DCC)
PCSO Mark James Holsworthy Sector Devon & Cornwall Police.
ATTC

4088. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Hutchings asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose.

4089. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

4090. POLICE REPORT (Appendix A)

PCSO James sent his apologies prior to the meeting. The Police Report was circulated to all. PC Brown mentioned that recently there had been several household burglaries in the Holsworthy Rural area and asked the Council to make residents in the Town aware and to be vigilant. The Council agreed to make sure the information was put on the Council's website and Facebook page.
Cllr. Watson remarked that it was pleasing to see there had been a significant reduction in crime this year compared to last.

4091. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Appendix B)

Cllr. B Parsons was unable to make the meeting due to his recent hip operation and had sent his apologies. A copy of his email regarding who to contact in his absence is attached to the Minutes.

4092. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. Ian Parker explained that at a recent TDC External Overview and Scrutiny Committee Dr Womersley of the CCG had given a presentation on its recent work including to re-open hospital beds. Dr Womersley had explained the importance of demonstrating the need for the provision of the beds along with their long term sustainability requirements.

Cllr. Parker also gave notice that he would not be standing for election as a District Councillor at the forthcoming election in May 2019. He was thanked for his work.

Cllr. Hutchings explained that he would give his District Councillors update under the Mayor's Announcements item.

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4093. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 5th December 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Sanders proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th December 2018 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Briggs and agreed. (Vote 7 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions)

4094. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the page numbers for the Minutes needed amending, this to be corrected before the Minutes were signed.

There were no other matters arising.

4095. MAYORS ANNOUCEMENTS

The Mayor explained that under this Agenda item he would detail both his work as a District and Town Councillor.

Cllr. Sam Parkinson has decided to resign from the Town Council, he was thanked for his input whilst a Councillor.

Regarding the burnt-out caravan in the layby adjacent to the new Livestock Market, enquiries have been made with DCC and TDC regarding its removal as it is not only unsightly but potentially dangerous.

An update was given on the current situation of the properties on North Road. Three of the properties remain closed pending remedial works by the owners. The remaining property is not subject to a Council Prohibition Order and therefore the landlord is able to operate again. However, the police are working with the landlord to closely monitor the property for any anti-social or criminal behaviour.

With respect to the various highways issues such as flooding and signage in the town, the Mayor has been trying to find the relevant senior contact within DCC to no avail at present. To try and progress the new Sports Pitch the Mayor has requested an onsite meeting with the relevant TDC officers within the next two weeks.

****Regarding Holsworthy Hospital and health and wellbeing provision generally in the area, there has been a problem for some time in trying to recruit Doctors and Nurses into the area: this has been an ongoing problem. In the interim work is being done to provide end of life care locally: not in the hospital but in Residential Homes where Community nursing care can be provided if considered necessary.****

(As amended at Full Council 13th February 2019)

4096. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT AND BUDGET REVIEW (APPENDIX B)

The TC went through the payments to be approved, highlighting various items of Expenditure and Income including the payment for the Memorial Tree Trail Board and the

improved CCTV coverage of the Playground within Stanhope Park. Detailed final income and expenditure Sheets for both the WW1 100 years Commemorative Events and the Christmas Events will be presented to the February Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Watson proposed that the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Heaven and unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

The TC went through the Budget Sheet, highlighting the income and expenditure in relation to St. Peters Fair.

4097. TO RECEIVE, AND TO NOTE, THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Minutes had been circulated with the Agenda.

Cllr. Hutchings took Members through the Committee Minutes in turn and asked if there were any queries.

a) Finance & General Purposes

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No comments raised.

4098. TO AGREE HOLSWORTHY TOWN COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20

All Cllrs had been circulated the draft budget for 2019/20 and associated explanatory information prior to the meeting for consideration. The draft budget for 2019/20 had previously been discussed at previous Finance & General Purposes Committees and Council Meetings. The Town Clerk proceeded to give a detailed explanation of the Council's predicted budgeted expenditure and income for 2019/20, as well as the Project proposals that had been agreed to be incorporated as part of the budget. Any changes to the budget since the December Council meeting were highlighted.

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The projects included town centre regeneration projects and funds to progress the purchase of the Coles Mill Viaduct. Cllr. Allen had asked the TC to express his views that support should be given within the town centre project fund for capital items that approved the appearance of the town.

Councillors were reminded by the Town Clerk that Town and Parish Councils ability to raise funding may well be restricted in future years by Government capping policy, this could severely impede the Town Council's ability to deliver services. This was also in the context of the County and District Council's having to reduce the services they previously provided in the town which now may have to be done by the Town Council.

Cllr. Hutchings asked all Cllrs for any comments or points to be raised. Nothing was raised.

Cllr. Heaven proposed that the Council's Budget for the financial year 2019/20 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Sanders and was unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

4099 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLSWORTHY TOWN COUNCIL'S PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

The TC explained the calculation of the Precept required because of the now ratified Budget for 2019/2020 and explained the number of households paying Council Tax in the town had increased which has helped to reduce the cost of the Precept. The TC highlighted the impact on

the different Council Tax Bands of the Precept resulting in an increase of 33p per week to a Band D property.

At present the total number of houses in Holsworthy banded for Council Tax is 1667, 29.5% of these households are in Band A, 77% of households are within Bands A to C and will therefore pay less than the Band D rate. Also, of the 1667 properties in Holsworthy 83 are exempt and a further 650 receive a discount.

Cllr . Watson proposed that the Council's Precept of £149,830 for the financial year 2019/20 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Stanton and was unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

4100. TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE UPDATES (RELEVANT REPORTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED TO CLLRS.)

No updates were given.

4101. RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received from both the Holsworthy Moorland Training Group and the Rubies WI thanking the Council for the grants received.

4102. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It has been confirmed that the Civic Reception to be held for the Twinning Association visitors from Aunay sur Odon would be held on the 30th May in the Memorial Hall.

In February 2019 (date yet to be finalised), a Public Meeting will be held in respect of Devon County Council statutory review of the Definitive Map of public rights of way for the Parish of Holsworthy.

Further details will be circulated once known.

4103. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

None.

Cllr. Parker proposed that in view of the special or confidential nature of the following business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press temporarily be excluded and they will be instructed to withdraw. Cllr. Musker seconded this proposal and it was unanimously agreed (Vote 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Absentations).

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4104. TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MAGPIE/RBL CLUB LEASE AND AGREE THE NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN.

A brief update was given on the latest position regarding the Magpie/RBL Club Lease.

4105. TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEW SPORTS PITCH.

Cllr. Hutchings explained that he was due to meet with officers from TDC shortly to inspect the Pitch again and to try and progress matters.

4106. CLOSE

Cllr. Hutchings formally closed the meeting at 8.12 pm

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