

Minutes of the **Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting** held on
19th December 2023 at 19.30hrs, in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices,**
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG

Chair: Cllr L Taylor

Committee: Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr P Sellers, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr N Tinson.

Officers: M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Clerk), V Freeman (Administration Officer).

In attendance: There were no members of public present.

2023-0177-TC Public Forum

There were no members of public present.

2023-0178-TC Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Paul

Cllr V Keitch

Cllr A Shearman

Cllr M James

Cllr J Karchud

The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.

2023-0179-TC Somerset Council Member's Reports

There was no Somerset Councillor report received.

2023-0180-TC Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2023-0181-TC Dispensations

There were none requested or granted.

2023-0182-TC Minutes – Town Council

Members **RESOLVED** by 8 votes for that the Minutes from the meeting held on 28 November 2023 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

2023-0183-TC Income and Expenditure report

Members **NOTED** the report.

Members were updated that we have two new market stalls and the income from the market is increasing.

Members discussed the draft budget. Discussions included that we may be using equipment more so it may wear out quicker, the whole team are looking at how to make any changes to workload work, it is a fair, modest and well thought out budget in difficult circumstances, we are building relationships within the LCN and we are looking to work with local parishes.

The meeting Chair thanked Officers for all their hard work in preparing the budget.

A Members **RESOLVED** unanimously the increased staffing requirement as outlined in the report taken to Full Council on the 21 November 2023 and at this meeting on the 19 December 2023. This is to include funding for up to 1.5 Highways Wardens and a part time Admin support member of staff. The appointment of the Highways Warden to be agreed by Full Council once more information has been made available surrounding the devolution of assets and services by Somerset Council.

Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr Shepherd

B Members of the Resources Committee at their meeting on the 7 November 2023 resolved unanimously to RECOMMEND to Full Council that an additional member of the Open Spaces Team should be recruited, pending the outcome of any Somerset Council's Medium Term Financial Plans being confirmed. Members are asked to RESOLVE that an additional Warden be recruited and appointed to the outdoor team.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that an additional member of the Open Spaces Team should be recruited, pending the outcome of any Somerset Council's Medium Term Financial Plans being confirmed.

Proposer Cllr Jenner-Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

C Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that a Precept of **£506,910.79** be approved for the Financial Year 2024-25 in accordance with the spreadsheet Appendix 8A submitted to the meeting. The figures being agreed in the Column "Proposed Budget 2024-25".

Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

D Members **RESOLVED** unanimously the Earmarked Reserves totalling £361,984.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

Meeting ended at 20:35