

## Minutes

### Full Council

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm

**Membership:** Councillors Macfarlane (Mayor) (West), Ridout (Deputy Mayor) (West), Batchelor (Broadway), Cullen (Broadway), Dancey (East), Davis (East), Dombkowski (East), Fraser (West), Fryer (West), Humphries (Broadway), Jeffries (Copheap), Jolley (Broadway) and Macdonald (East)

**Present:**

Councillors: P Macfarlane, P Ridout, S Dancey, A Davis, N Dombkowski, S Fraser, R Fryer, K Humphries and G Jolley

Officers: H Abernethie and J Halls

Public and press: 0 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

**288/17 Apologies**

- a) Councillor Batchelor and Councillor Jeffries, both work related.
- b) Apologies accepted for those with reasons given

**289/17 Minutes**

- a) The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman
- b) None

**290/17 Declarations of Interest**

None

**291/17 Mayor's Announcements**

- a) None
- b) Noted

**292/17 Questions**

None

**293/17 Public Participation**

- a) None
- b) None

**294/17 Correspondence**

Noted

**295/17 Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

Councillor Davis informed members that the next Area Board meeting due to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 would start at the earlier time of 3.30pm, the first part will be a mental health workshop.

Councillor Humphries advised members that there was to be a Health and Wellbeing Fair being held at the Civic Centre on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March starting at 1.30pm and he wanted to encourage everyone to invite their contacts within local organisations to attend.

**296/17 Minutes of Committees:**

The minutes of the following meetings were adopted:

- a) **Finance and Assets Committee** meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- b) **Planning Advisory Committee** meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- c) **Town Development Committee** meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

**297/17 Police Report and Neighbourhood Tasking Group**

- a) The Police Report was Noted
- b) Councillor Ridout advised the members that she was chair of the Neighbourhood Tasking Group and therefore could not represent the Town Council, two council representatives were required. The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Civic Centre, 6-8pm. Councillor Ridout proposed that the representatives from Warminster Town Council would be Councillors Fraser and Jolley, seconded Councillor Davis, voting unanimous in favour.

**298/17 Budget 2017/2018**

The Clerk advised members that an additional £2,500 for the Council's increased insurance premium this year needed to be included in the budget as the final figures had just been set. Councillor Jolley proposed that the budget be accepted as it is and reduce the amount set aside for grants by £2,500 to cover the increased cost for the insurance. A seconder did not come forward. Councillor Jolley withdrew his proposal after discussion and debate. Councillor Dancy proposed that Warminster Town Council accept the budget of £552,612 an increase of 5.86%. Band D £93.81 equivalent annually, £1.80 weekly. The £2,500 for the insurance should be taken from the £10,000 set aside for play equipment in the park leaving £7,500 to be earmarked. Seconded Councillor Humphries, voting unanimous in favour.

**299/17 Devolved Services Working Group**

The minutes of the working group meetings that took place on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November were Noted.

*In view of confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the member of the press in attendance withdrew from the meeting at 7.15pm*

**300/17 Allotments**

The Council's solicitor Tony Ford, Farnfields, relayed the views of counsel as per his instruction from members on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The members further instructed Tony Ford.

*The meeting was reopened to the public and press at 7.36pm*

**301/17 BT Payphone Consultation**

Noted

**302/17 Communications**

- a) The Members wished for a press release to be issued regarding the Budget 2017/2018 emphasising the requirement for the rise was due to the increased spend required in managing the Town Park and Public Toilets.
- b) The Chair of the Finance Committee will be the spokesperson for the Budget 2017/2018 if required.

**Meeting closed at 7.40pm**