BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2023

Present: Councillors, C Hughes, C Foy, D Hawley, C Smith, G Richards, P Gerrard, F Maxwell,

**20/470 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from Cllr Makin, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Hilton, Cllr Dualeh, Cllr Hull

**20/471 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/472 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2022 were deemed to be correct.

There were no issues raised which had not been included on the agenda.

**20/473 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two members of public in attendance.

**20/474 CLERK’S REPORT**

At the recent clerks meeting it was brought to my attention that the new pay spine from LALC had been released. I didn’t receive the pay increment last year as the SPC points were not finalised from LALC.

My new hourly rate will be point 17 £13.91 and this is to start from April 2022. This incurs back pay of £424.80 which if agreed will be paid in February 2023.

**AGREED** to pay this increment

**20/475 BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSAL**

**Budget and Precept 2022/23**

The attached schedule sets out the original estimates and forecast outturn for 2021/22 along with estimates of expenditure for 2022/23.

1. **Forecast Outturn for 2021/22**

The Parish Council’s precept for 2021/22 was set at £14012.34. This included provision for a war and industrial memorial (£5k), which currently remains unspent. The precept rate for the year was set at £12.27 per band D equivalent property.

The forecast expenditure outturn for the current year is approximately £24077.00 The forecast assumes that expenditure relating to the war and industrial memorial will not take place in the current year.

Comments on forecast outturn:

1. The forecast outturn assumes that the Parish Council will set aside £1000 to contribute to the election reserve in accordance with its original plans.

1. **Draft Proposed Budget for 2022/23**

The attached schedule shows a draft estimate of expenditure of £24077 for 2021/22. The tax base for band D equivalent properties in 2022/23 is £1,142 (2021/22 level was £1,141). If the precept rate for 2022/23 of £12.27 is increased by 2% to £12.51 (most recent RPI level) this would be sufficient to generate a precept income of £14286.42.

Comments on the draft proposed budget:

1. An allowance of £1000 has been assumed as a contribution to the Election Reserve.
2. Salary costs assume an increase in NJC salary scales of 2%.
3. General provision for Section 137 payments is set at £2,000, based on expenditure levels in 2021/22.
4. The Environmental budget makes provision for the proposed war memorial
5. **Precept Proposals 2022/23**

The above assumes that the precept rate would increase in 2022/23 by 2% from £12.27 to £12.51 Given a notified tax base of £1142.00 for Band D equivalent properties, this would generate precept income of £14286.42 Members may wish to consider other options

**4. Recommendations**

1. that the draft proposed budget 2022/23 as set out in the attached schedule is approved;
2. that the 2022/23 precept rate is set at £12.51, generating a precept income of £14286.42.

that the Clerk inform St Helens Council of the agreed precept level as soon as practicable following this meeting.

**AGREED** to accept the proposal

**20/476 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

Cllr Hughes has provided all the information requested by PC Quilliam regarding the car park. PC Quilliam not in attendance so agreed to put this on the next agenda.

Cllr Gerard confirmed another car was present on the car park when he arrived.

**20/477 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/2022/0840/FUL Bold and Lea Green Ward

Land Adjacent To 2

Middlefield Farm

Hall Lane

Bold

St Helens

WA9 4SN

Erection of stable block

and menage area

P/2022/0735/FUL Bold and Lea

Green Ward

Land Adjacent To 204 Gorsey

Lane

Bold

St Helens

WA9 4SG

Change of use from

agricultural land to dog

exercise paddocks (part

retrospective).

19-Oct-22 14-Dec-22 Granted

P/2022/0761/HHFP  
Bold and Lea  
Green Ward  
The Bungalow  
Warrington Road  
Bold Heath  
St Helens  
WA8 3UX  
Resubmission of  
P/2022/0566/HHFP -  
increase rear of detached  
garage by 1m and change  
tiles on bungalow and garage  
roofs.  
04-Nov-22 21-Dec-22 Granted

P/2022/0773/HHFP  
Bold and Lea  
Green Ward  
Pavilion Cottage  
Penlake Lane  
Bold  
St Helens  
WA9 4JL  
Two storey front extension. 07-Nov-22 21-Dec-22 Granted

P/2022/0774/TPO  
Bold and Lea  
Green Ward  
2 Hazelwood Close  
Clock Face  
St Helens  
WA9 4TA  
Works to various trees  
covered by a Tree  
Preservation Order.  
10-Nov-22 23-Dec-22 Granted

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

Application Number: P/2022/0840/FUL

Proposal: Erection of stable block and menage area

For: Full Planning Application

Location: 2 Middlefield Farm, Hall Lane

Bold

A planning application for the above has been submitted to the local planning authority. The details of

the application can be viewed at the following link http://publicaccess.sthelens.gov.uk/onlineapplications.

In accordance with S54 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Article 25 of the Town

and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015. Please let me have your

comments by the **6 January 2023,** or sooner. Any correspondence you do submit regarding this

proposal will be displayed on the Council website and available for public viewing. If we do not hear

from you by the above date we will assume that you have no comments to make

**20/478 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Following the payment of accounts approved at the last scheduled meeting, the bank balance currently stands a:

£0.12 Virgin Money Account

£15374.66 Virgin money Deposit Account

£ 101.26 NatWest Account

£15476.04 Total

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1. Accounts for Payment

It is recommended that authority be granted for the payment of the following amounts: -

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| Payee | Amount  £ | Cheque Number |
| Y Prescott – Jan | 508.00 | BT |
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(c) Assets Register

The Parish Council is, as part of its financial management controls, required to maintain an up-to-date Assets Register. A copy of the current Register has been circulated for information and approval. This will be checked as part of the Internal Audit process.

Recommended that the Assets Register is noted and approved.

**Agreed** to pay the above.

**20/479 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Hughes confirmed that no update currently.

**AGREED** to monitor this situation

**20/480 DEFIBRILLATORS**

Cllr Hawley confirmed all defibrillators are working correctly. Clock Face Country Park could be relocated and this could then incorporate a plug socket for a Christmas tree.

Cllr Smith suggested that there is an old telephone box on Union Box Lane that could be utilised.

**AGREED** to monitor this situation

**20/481 LAND LEASE**

Cllr Makin has emailed the clerk to confirm all land leases will be returned to the council. All councillors supported this option after the recent information regarding costs.

**AGREED** to note this action.

**20/482 REPORTS**

Nothing to report.

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 7th February 2023 - to be held at Chester Lane Library.

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Chairman Date