



Minutes of a meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee held on 10 January 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Councillors K Critchley (Chairman), D Budd (Vice Chairman), M Cotton, Z Gover, K Green, V Green, M Russell, C Turner

Officers present: Nicola Gray, Town Clerk; Gale Pettifer, Deputy Clerk

498. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

499. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

500. Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

501. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Budd noted the incorrect naming of the developer in minute number 472 as Westbury homes. It should read "Members discussed the stones which were paid for by Bloor Homes as part of the new development".

It was **RESOLVED** that, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, held on 6 December 2022, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

502. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

503. Payment of outstanding creditors

It was **RESOLVED** that the payments to creditors be approved.

504. CCTV Review

The Deputy Clerk presented the report regarding relocating the CCTV camera in North Street, refurbishing, or relocating the cameras on the Masonic Hall, and the installation of additional cameras at the rear entrance to the Town Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** that enquiries should be made with Rempstone Estate regarding the power supply with a view to retaining the CCTV camera in its current position in North Street, rather than relocation.

It was **RESOLVED** that cameras should be installed at the rear entrance of the Town Hall and in Howards Lane car park (one overlooking the entrance to the car park/public toilets, and one overlooking the parking meters/car park).

505. Review of hire charges for the Town Hall and Recreation Ground facilities

Members considered the current hire charges for the Town Hall and Recreation Ground facilities, noting the many comments which had been made to various members about the high cost of hiring the Corn Exchange.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk carry out a comparison of charges exercise with other similar local facilities and present the report to the next meeting for consideration and fee setting.

506. Museum Broadband connection

The Deputy Clerk presented the report regarding the installation of broadband to Wareham Town Museum to enable the public to use QR codes for accessing exhibit information on YouTube, and for the museum to have better electronic point of sale facilities.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Museum be given a dedicated broadband facility, via BT Halo at a cost of £19.95 for the Broadband line connection, a free BT cordless phone handset and an ongoing charge of £27.95 per month.

507. 2023/2024 Budget

The Chairman opened discussion by thanking the Clerk for her excellent work done on producing a challenging budget.

The Clerk presented the budget and the subsequent proposal for precept and noted that budgets have been maintained where possible, with very modest increases where it was considered necessary. The Chairman noted the desire to keep the precept as low as possible in what was forecast to be a very challenging year for residents and was grateful to the Clerk for having managed to achieve a lower than expected precept recommendation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft budget and precept for 2023/2024 be recommended to Full Council for approval.

508. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

509. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 14 February 2023.

Chairman..... Date.....