



Minutes of the Meeting of Corfe Mullen Town Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2023
on the rising of the Financial and Administration Committee
in the main hall of the Village Hall

Present: **Councillors**
D Mattocks (Chair)
A Craven
P Harrison
A Holland
P Holland
B Honeyman
S Jefferies
J Lortie
P Neil
P Purvis
J Stennett

In Attendance: Catherine Horsley (Town Clerk & RFO)
Rachel Virrill (Deputy Town Clerk – minute taker)

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

TC 22/225 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Sowry-House and Cllr Howard who both had personal commitments, and Cllr Everett due to health reasons.

TC 22/226 To Record any declarations of interest Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 22/227 Paper A – To Approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 December 2022 – LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022 were **APPROVED**.

TC 22/228 Paper B - To Consider recommendations from the Finance & Administration Committee on draft Budget and Precept for the 2023/24 financial year – Report submitted to the Finance & Administration Committee is included as paper B to this meeting, with the verbal recommendation of the F&A committee being made to Council immediately following the committee's meeting.

Cllr Mattocks noted that all members had been listening to the discussions which had taken place at the previous Finance and Administration Committee relating to

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the recommendations for setting the Corfe Mullen Town Council 2023/24 budget and precept request.

Cllr Purvis noted the following comments:

- Line 63: Plant maintenance servicing costs appeared high, noting it may be more cost effective to contact a local Stihl approved mechanic to carry out plant maintenance.
- Line 91: The delivery of the grounds team trailer was taking a long time. Consideration should be given to exploring other suppliers who may be able to provide a more cost-effective equivalent trailer and speedier delivery. The Clerk advised as the trailer had been ordered some time ago, we may not have the option to cancel, however, this would be investigated.
- Old Cemetery driveway: Costs were likely to be more than the recommended budget of £10,000.
- New Cemetery: During the 2021 Parish Tour, it was noted the brick wall at the entrance to the new cemetery was bowing, which may require structural repairs.

Cllr Jefferies suggested a budget more than £1,000 should be considered for the Town Council to hold an event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee and set the Corfe Mullen Town Council annual budget for 2023/24 financial year at £502,456.00.

Cllr Mattocks proposed accepting the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee to set the precept at £502,456.00, an increase of 8.55%, which would see a Band D property increasing from £116.39 to £126.34 per annum.

Of the 11 members present, 8 members voted in favour with Cllrs A & P Holland and Cllr Neil voting against.

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TC 22/229 Verbal – Matters for Forthcoming Agendas No decisions can be taken¹

Members to consider civic events during 2023.

TC 22/230 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting –Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 19:00 in the Main Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen.

TC 22/231 Close of meeting at 20:17.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting

 Date 24-1-23

¹ Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)