

Northam Town Council – Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 6th December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Brading (Chairman), Davis, Durkin, Edwards, Hancock, Hames, Himan, Leather, Sherborne (from minute 1712/956) and Tisdale

In attendance: Mrs M J Mills, Town Clerk
Members of the public

1712/949 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Mrs Whittaker, Berryman, Eastman and Miller

1712/950 Chairman's Announcements

The meeting was advised that a member of the public was recording the proceedings

The Chairman advised that the drainage work has started at Lord's Meadow, the bank has been removed and the area in front of the goal has been filled in. Footpath 14 has been inspected and a list of the work required has been prepared. DCC can provide a bridge pack and hand rails.

1712/951 Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

1712/952 To agree the agenda as published

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

1712/953 Public Participation

Members of the public are permitted to make representations answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

No members of the public wished to speak

1712/954 To receive a recommendation from the Finance and Staffing Committee to accept the list of Grant Applications as amended

It was **resolved** to accept the list of Grant Applications as amended.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

1712/955 To consider a budget item for St Margaret's Church Roof Fund Appeal

It was proposed by Cllr Brading and seconded by Cllr Davis to make a grant of £2500 to the St Margaret's Church Roof Fund Appeal.

A further proposal by Cllr Tisdale and seconded by Cllr Edwards to amend the grant to £500 was received. A further proposal by Cllr Hancock to amend the figure to £1500 was received but not seconded.

A vote was taken on the first amendment with 2 in favour and the majority against.

The original proposal was then voted upon and

It was **resolved** to make a grant of £2500 to St Margaret's Church Roof Fund Appeal

Proposed: Cllr Brading, Seconded: Cllr Davis (majority in favour with one vote against)

At this juncture Cllr Sherborne arrived at the meeting, he apologised and explained this was due to traffic delays.

1712/956 To consider a proposal from Cllr Edwards that “Councillor allowances for the financial year 2018/19 remain at the existing levels despite any proposed increases from external sources”
Members were reminded that Councillor Allowances are aligned with Torridge and their Members have not yet reached a decision for 2018-19.
It was proposed that “Councillor allowances for the financial year 2018/19 remain at the existing levels despite any proposed increases from external sources”
Proposed: Cllr Edwards, Seconded: Cllr Sherborne (4 votes favour, majority against)
It was **agreed** that the position be reviewed when this information is available from Torridge

1712/957 To receive a recommendation from the Finance and Staffing Committee that the revised budget be accepted and the precept be set
It was **resolved** to accept the budget recommendation from Finance and Staffing Committee
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

It was further **resolved** to set the precept for 2018-19 at £309,765
Proposed: Cllr Brading, Seconded: Cllr Hancock (all in favour)

1712/958 To consider a five Member motion “that Finance and Staffing Cttee be renamed Finance Cttee, retaining the same structure of Members & a new Human Resources Cttee is formed, so that separate Cttees can focus on the separate issues”
It was **resolved** that Finance and Staffing Cttee be renamed Finance Cttee, retaining the same structure of Members & a new Human Resources Cttee is formed, so that separate Cttees can focus on the separate issues”

Proposed: Cllr Sherborne, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (7 in favour with 2 against and 1 abstention)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed..... Dated.....