

# DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Bonvalot Room at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Hall (Chair) and Cllrs Brentor, Mace, Pearce, Randall, Roberts and Watts.

**In attendance:** Mrs Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk

**Also present:** No members of the public.

**273.19 Public Question Time:**

No statements were received.

**274.19 To receive apologies from Councillors:** The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Cornell due to a personal commitment. Cllr Hall proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology and the reason for it be noted.

**275.19 To consider and resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** Cllr Pearce proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED, with 2 abstentions from Cllrs Randall and Roberts, that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**276.19 Declarations of Interest:**

**a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

Cllrs Pearce and Mace declared personal and non-pecuniary interests in Minutes 281.19 and 282.19 by virtue of their roles as a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Downton Memorial Hall Committee. They did not vote on either item.

**b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:**

The Clerk advised that no dispensation requests had been received

**277.19 To resolve to refer any business raised by the public in public discussion, and any other matters or items of information from councillors, to the appropriate committee or to resolve to agree on any other action:** No matters were raised in public discussion.

## **278.19 Planning and Tree Works Applications**

**20/00074/TCA The Trafalgar School, Breamore Road, Downton - T1 Ash tree to be felled, T2 Fruit tree with poor form to be felled:** Downton Parish Council RESOLVED to request that its disappointment be noted that both trees are to be felled and not reduced but that it would accept the decision of the Tree Officer.

**279.19 To consider a written proposal from Cllrs Brentor, Cornell, Hall, Mace Randall and Roberts to rescind the resolution made in Minute 239.19 approving the revised 3 year Budget and level of Precept for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 in light of the Parish Council's resolution made in Minute 266.19 not to proceed with the funding of a Parish Council organised VE Day event in May 2020:** In view of the number of written proposals received, Cllr Hall proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the resolution made in Minute 239.19 be rescinded.

**280.19 To consider and resolve to approve the revised 3 year Budget and level of Precept for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 as revised by the Clerk:** Following a detailed discussion, Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED that the 3 year budget be approved. The level of Budget for 2020/21 was approved and set at £122,365.04 and the level of Precept approved and set at £114,865.04. The Band D figure was set at £82.16 being an increase of 2.1% on 2019/20. The level of reserves to be included in the budget was approved at £7,500.

**281.19 To consider and resolve to approve a 1 year Fire Alarm Maintenance Contract with Southern Security for the Downton Memorial Centre at the cost of £380.00:** Cllr Randall proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded and it was RESOLVED that the contract and payment be approved.

**282.19 To consider and resolve to approve a 1 year Lift Maintenance Contract with Gartec for the Downton Memorial Centre at the cost of £465.00:** Cllr Randall proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded and it was RESOLVED that the contract and payment be approved.

**283.19 To resolve to approve the List of Actions from the Council's Risk Register and agree on who will carry them out:** Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Randall seconded and it was RESOLVED, following a lengthy discussion, that the actions allocated to the clerk and councillors be approved and that the registers be updated accordingly.

**284.19 Date of next meeting:** Cllr Hall confirmed the date of the next meeting as Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

*Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.*