

DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
17th December 2020

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Carter
	Corbett	P Evans	S Evans
	Gay	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders
	Greenwood	Hopkins	Parsons
	Pennington	Rose	Rowland
	Stevens	Von Berg	

Officers: Simon Fisher –Town Clerk
Jan Rendle – Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: Six

303. MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 3rd November 2020, having previously been circulated were taken as read, and confirmed for signature by the Chairman.

304. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nash.

305. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

305. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

306. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 15

There were none.

307. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The Committee noted the list of meetings, whose minutes have been signed, held since the last meeting of the Council.

308. FOR INFORMATION – NATIONAL GRID VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION PROJECT

National Grid representatives Matt Wooldridge, Stuart Fox and Katherine Wingate were welcomed to the meeting and gave a comprehensive and informative report on this major project. They confirmed that Balfour Beatty had been commissioned to carry out the work, and there was close collaboration with the Wiltshire Council Ecologist and Wessex Archaeology to ensure minimal disruption to those aspects of the project.

The Committee was advised that during the coming year there would be a great deal of public information and engagement, for which the Council's assistance would be sought, followed by the formal consultation. It was anticipated that work would commence in 2022, once funding had been agreed, with the pylons being removed in 2024.

After taking questions about the project, the guests confirmed that they hoped to return for a future meeting, once the project had progressed to the next stage. They then left the meeting.

309. FOR INFORMATION – PLANNING CONSULTATION, HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, MARSHALL ROAD

Jonathan Orton and Andy Turner from Origin3, the agents working with Princeton Homes on the potential development at Marshall Road, were welcomed to the meeting. They explained that the scheme had evolved since the pre-application process, now for approximately 180 homes and it was hoped to submit an outline application in Spring 2021. There was concern that speculative plans for Devizes would now be put forward in the light of the recent adoption of Wiltshire Council's Local Plan scheme, whereas this was an established site for development. Members generally considered it to be a suitable area for future development for the town.

The representatives from Origin 3 left the meeting.

310. FOR DECISION – ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the CATG cost centre should be reduced to achieve a saving of £7,000, to keep the percentage increase of the precept at 2.05%.

311. FOR DECISION – AGREE PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Rose and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the precept is set at £1,51,476, a percentage increase of 2.06%.

312. FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF MAYORAL NOMINATION FOR CIVIC YEAR 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Gay continues as Mayor for the coming Civic year, in view of the unexpected restrictions caused to the Mayoral role during 2020, as a result of the pandemic.

313. FOR INFORMATION – PROJECT LIST

The report was received and noted.

314. TO PASS THE SEALING RESOLUTION

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or other decisions of the Council thereat.

315. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

316. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Callow from Bishops Cannings was present but did not address members.

CHAIRMAN