

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020 Council Chambers, 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D Watts, D Shing, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, D Murray, D Sanders, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, A Wood, Mrs W Alexander, Mrs M Piper, (11)

Not Present: Cllr R Shing, Ms A Snell, J Harmer, S Shing (4)

1 member of the public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
12849	Opportunity for public comment None
12850	Apologies for absence Cllrs R Shing, Ms A Snell, S Shing, J Harmer
12851	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda Cllrs D Shing, County Councillors; Cllrs D Watts, D Shing District Councillors; Mrs M Piper, D Watts, directors of PWMRG CIC All nonpecuniary. <i>NB Dispensation for all councillors still stands.</i>
12852	List of payments for approval None
12853	Setting Budget and Precept 2020/21 The budget and precept paperwork from finance had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting with a few additional amendments due to new contracts, budgetary needs and the new tax base. The chair of finance went through some of the budgetary headings explaining some of the changes being made, notably for some increases in contracts which would need minimum wage increase and living wage. There had been a loss of the Local Council Tax Support grant from Wealden District Council of £3028, which had made a large impact this year. A councillor asked about the increase for the website and the chair of finance explained this was due to new legislation which required the website to be altered/updated. The website being required by legislation. A councillor asked if the hire of halls for planning should be greater, the chair of planning commented that the clerk had delegated authority to call additional meetings from the other budget and reserves if required and therefore this budget was not necessary to increase. Another councillor confirmed that the budget had never been spent to the full and even with some major plans considered it adequate with the safeguard of the delegation for extra meetings should they be necessary. Councillors also discussed the general lack of interest in even the major plans from the public at meetings. A councillor queried the changes in budgets for Wannock, the chair of finance explained that this was due to it being handed over and the budget hadn't increased but was moving from one budget area to another. <u>A motion was put and seconded to set the budget at £349,877 and the precept at £349,877 which amounted to a BAND D council tax increase from £108.29 to £110.43 (1.98% / £2.14 per year / 4 pence per week) VOTE all in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Shing, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, D Murray, D Sanders, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, A Wood, Mrs W Alexander, Mrs M Piper</u>
12854	Dates of the next scheduled meetings Full Council 27th January 2020

	Full Council 24th February 2020 Full Council 30th March 2020 Full Council 27th April 2020 Full Council 1st June 2020 Full Council 29th June 2020 Full Council 27th July 2020 Full council 28th September 2020
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The meeting closed at 7.46 pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____

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