

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 7pm at Council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL

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

Not Present: Cllrs R Shing, D Watts, M Cunningham (3)

2 members of public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
13195	<i>Deputy Mayor Cllr D Dunbar opened the meeting at 7pm. Mayor Cllr D Murray arrived at 7.01pm and chaired the rest of the meeting.</i> <i>The Mayor passed on the sad news of the passing of former Mayor Mr Michael Clewett and gave the councils condolences to his family.</i> Opportunity for public comment for items on the agenda None
13196	Apologies for absence Cllrs R Shing, D Watts, M Cunningham
13197	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda All Cllrs have a dispensation regarding the budgets
13198	To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 28th November 2022 <u>It was resolved to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting 28th November 2022 as an accurate record of the meetings. VOTE All in favour</u>
13199	Budgets & Precept setting 2023/24 Councillors were concerned about the financial struggles that they were aware many people were going through at the moment, with rising costs of food electricity and gas. The last 5 years of prudent budgets were circulated to the council. It was agreed that this year there would be no increase in the Band D and this would be kept at 0% as per the proposed budget. A councillor asked about the rising electricity bills, the clerk stated that for now the council was on a fixed rate but had already resolved for that to come from general reserves once the term had ended and a new contract being sought. It was expected that the police, East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council were all planning on increasing their precept and the town council could resolve not to increase the precept to help residents. It was noted that despite all of the new developments and additional housing the tax base had actually decreased, meaning that less people were paying their full council tax in the town than the previous year. <u>It was resolved to set the budget at £400,908 and to keep the precept to £365,846 using general reserves keeping the Band D the same at £112.94 (see attached detail of the budget. Vote All in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Shing, D Dunbar, A Wood, M Falkner, Ms A Snell, S Shing, Mrs W Alexander, D Sanders, Mrs M Piper, Mrs C Berry</u>

The meeting closed at 19:14pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____