



WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL held on Monday 26th MARCH 2018 at 8pm in the Council Chamber, Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road, Bordon, GU35 0BS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Cllr P Davies, Cllr M Davison, Cllr I Georgii, Cllr C Leach, Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr Miss S Pond, Cllr T Muldoon, Cllr R Russell, Cllr D Sanders, Cllr L Scott, Cllr A Tree, Cllr A Waterhouse and Cllr Mrs L Webber.

In attendance: Andrea Mann - Town Clerk & Minute taker for this meeting,
David Melsome – Deputy Town Clerk and Chris Norkett – Grounds Officer.

Item		Action
12.222	APOLOGIES – Cllr A Carew and Cllr Mrs L Malikoff-Johnston.	
12.223	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.	
12.224	CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS – - Reminder of a litter pick Wednesday 28 th March as part of the “Great British Spring Clean” – meet at Mill Chase pavilion at 10am. - Reminder of the private meeting with EHDC Portfolio Holder responsible for the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Project on 3 rd April at 2pm. - Members are encouraged to make their own nominations for the 2018 Voluntary Contribution to the Whitehill & Bordon Community Awards, by 31 st March. - Reminder of the Blessing of the Bounds event on Saturday 14 th April – all details have now been finalised.	
12.225	ADJOURNMENT FOR TEN MINUTE QUESTION TIME – Questions were raised by two members of the public: 1. A member of the art & craft group which met at the Forest Community Centre explained the importance of the group to its’ members, including the importance of a local, accessible venue. The member asked for reassurance that their hidden voice would be heard when making a decision on the Forest Centre in the exempt session – Members responded that they would. 2. Questions relating to the Council tax precept increase: - Can the Council demonstrate that the Council exercised restraint in arriving at a 10.1% increase in the 2018/19 council tax precept and that the Council made the decision transparent to taxpayers as requested in guidance given by government? - Were the Council given fair warning in 2017 that the Council was likely to lose government grant aid amounting to approx. £35k at some point? - Did the Council take prudent and responsible action to reduce Council expenditure and what savings were achieved? - Of the 20k underspend in 2017/18 expenditure reported in January 2017, how much will have been spent by 31 st March 2018? - What is the increase in Council expenditure included in the 2018/19 budget?	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the latest forecast for the general reserves monies as at 31st March 2018 and how does this figure compare to previous years? - Did the Council comply with the government guidelines which state that all available steps should be taken to mitigate the need for Council tax increases including the use of reserves if necessary? - Has the Council satisfactory cash flow forecasting practices in place in order to maximise investment income. - What is the cast at bank figure currently? <p>Response: due to the number of questions and the time permitted for question time, the Council agreed to respond in writing in accordance with the Council's adopted policy.</p>	
12.226	<p>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5th February 2018 previously circulated were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>(Proposed by Cllr A Waterhouse, seconded by Cllr Mrs L Webber, 9 Members AGREED).</p>	
12.227	<p>EXEMPT SESSION</p> <p>Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Local Government Act 1972 Section it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public are present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to consultations or negotiations.</p> <p>(Proposed by Cllr A Waterhouse, seconded by Cllr T Muldoon, ALL Members AGREED).</p>	
12.228	<p>REFER TO EXEMPT MINUTES</p>	
12.229	<p>DATES OF MEETINGS (all Monday's unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>2018 – 16 April, 30 April (extraordinary), 21 May, 11th June, 16th July, 3rd September, 8th October, 5th November, 10th December.</p> <p>All at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road, Bordon.</p>	

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

During the course of the meeting there were 0 members of the Press and 5 members of the public present. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.