



Hadleigh Town Council

COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE

Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7pm in The Dining Room at Hadleigh Town Hall, Market Place, Hadleigh IP7 5DN.

APPROVED MINUTES

1: Opening	<p>Councillors attending: Councillor Beggerow (Chair), Councillor Allan, Councillor Cammack, Councillor Knock, Councillor Schleip.</p> <p>Apologies for absence received from Councillor Gregg and Councillor Allman</p> <p>No members' declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest were made</p> <p>No consideration of requests for dispensations.</p>
2: Minutes	<p>To approve minutes of previous Council meetings held on Thursday 7th November 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Allen requested that the minutes were changed to reflect that Cllr Cammack was not present and had offered apologies.• Cllr Knock requested that the minute in item 8 be added to, to more accurately reflect his question regarding tokens for the tennis court lighting meeting actual costs.• The Minutes were unanimously approved subject to the above amendments.
3: Public Forum	<p>15 minute session. Maximum 3 minutes per person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A member of the public requested that the Town Council website be updated as a matter of urgency. Councillor Beggerow assured the public that the website would be addressed now that the office was staffed.
4: Finance	<p>The running order of items 4 and 5 were reversed in order to allow members of the public to leave the meeting early having heard the planning discussion.</p> <p>Councillor Beggerow gave an overview of the "bottom-up" budget based on a review of last year's spend, forecasting and projecting forwards. He noted that last year's actuals did not match the budget. He explained that the Reserves were down from previous years due to</p>



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	<p>a recent large expenditure for the new cemetery extension, but that was originally from a loan that had boosted reserves in the first place. The budget showed another significant expense later in 2021, but that was a long standing commitment towards the new swimming pool and is budgeted for. He stated that the presented figures offer a balanced budget.</p> <p>Councillor Beggerow outlined that the Precept has not gone up in line with inflation for many years. He gave examples of the actual cost to a Band D property following a 2, 5 and 10% rises in Precept.</p> <p>Moved by the Councillor Beggerow and Seconded by Councillor Allan</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to recommend that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the budget is presented to Full Council for approval.- the Parish Precept should be set at 5% increase.
5: Planning	<p>a) To hear representations from members of the public regarding the applications being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A member of the public raised application 19/04128 The Green. <p>It was agreed to seek an extension of time to submit a response and to consider the application at another committee.</p> <p>b) To consider a response to the application below:</p> <p>DC/19/05419 Hybrid Application. Phase 2 of Hadleigh East urban extension area (part of Core Strategy Policy CS6: Hadleigh).</p> <p>Councillors debated the design and layout issues of the proposed development.</p> <p>Councillor Knock suggested that Councillor Schleip may have inadvertently predetermined the outcome by way of an email that outlined a series of reasons why the application should be refused. However predisposition is not the same as predetermination and Councillor Schleip took part in the vote.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds the proposed development does not meet some of the Babergh planning policies. That there is insufficient infrastructure to accommodate the quantum of houses proposed, there is no meaningful green space, no landscape buffer between employment and residential areas, the development would be</p>



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	car-dominated with poor accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, poor emergency vehicle access arrangements, no provision for social/community/sports uses, the development is too dense resulting in an over-developed site, and out of character with the local vernacular. Furthermore, the allocation is considered out of date given the forthcoming Joint Local Plan and should be considered premature.
6: Future Meetings	Thursday 13 th February in the Dining Room, Hadleigh Guildhall
7: Close of meeting	The meeting closed around 8pm

Signed

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