

DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2021 AT 8.05PM (MEETING HELD BY ZOOM)

Present:

Cllr S. Watson		(SW) Chairman
Cllr C. Bunting		(CB)
Cllr C. Diggins		(CD)
Cllr A. Gardner		(AG)
Cllr B. Lindsell		(BL)
Cllr J. O'Brien		(JO'B)

In attendance:
 Mrs C. Griffin, Clerk
 Dist Cllr S. Luck
 14 members of the public

(CG)

The Chairman welcomed residents to the Extraordinary meeting and explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to approve the Budget and set the Precept for 2021/22. There is another item on the agenda, item 21/383, which the Parish Clerk added without the agreement of the Chairman. We will not be discussing that item this evening but it will be on the agenda for the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

21/379 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S. Walsh (private engagement).

21/380 Declarations of Interests

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

21/381 Public participation session (15 minutes available if required)

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda and other matters of interest.

The following matters were raised to which the Chairman replied:

- **I have noticed on the template for an application to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) that you have to put in a figure for "Total Contract Value" What figure are you putting in there?**

I am not going to answer that tonight.

- **What figure will be included in the "Funding from the Council's own resources" and "Funding from other sources" on the PWLB form?**

I am not prepared to answer these questions because that item should not be on the agenda. I am not bound to answer your question this evening and we are not bound to show you the application form, but we can. All your questions will be answered on 3rd February, there is no secret. All the figures you mention are on the form and they are all correct.

- **If residents have to wait until the meeting on 3rd February, does that mean you will not be sending off the application to the PWLB until it has been discussed in public?**

It does not mean that. We will be sending off the application as soon as possible.

- **I have read all the guidance and the application has to be discussed and signed at a Full Council meeting and for the sake of transparency the public should be informed.**

21/382 To approve the Budget, set the Precept for 2021/22 and sign the necessary forms.

The Budget of £20,006.00 was approved and it was proposed that the Precept for the year 2021/22 was set at £20,006.00.

Proposed: SW

Seconded: AG

All agreed

The Chairman will sign the Precept form and pass to the Clerk to countersign and return to UDC before the 23rd January deadline.

21/383 To receive a Report from the Parish Clerk regarding the Application for Borrowing Approval forwarded to her on 2nd December 2020.

The Parish Clerk had sent a report prior to the meeting.

The item was deferred until the meeting on 3rd February 2021.

21/384 To discuss any Urgent matters of interest to the Parish

It was reported that a tree had fallen across the footpath in Spinney Lane. CB will inspect and deal with.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm

Signed.....(Chairman)

Dated: 03.02.21