



**Minutes of Full Council of Holsworthy Town Council held in the Market Hall, Holsworthy
On Wednesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr. H. Parker, Cllr. N. Kenneally, Cllr. D. De ste Croix, Cllr. E. Hosie, Cllr. J. Hutchings,
Cllr. L. Piper, Cllr. S. Preston, Cllr. P. Shepherd, Cllr. K. Stone, Cllr. J. Tadman, Cllr. S. Stroud

In attendance: Town Clerk (TC), Assistant to the Town Clerk (ATTC),
Amanda Pennington (Wildanet)

5056. Apologies for absence
Cllr. H. Dentlinger

5057. Declaration of Interest - To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda.
The Mayor asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

5058. Public Question Time - *To receive questions from the Public.*
No questions were received.

5059. Presentation by Wildanet
Amanda from Wildanet introduced herself and Wildanet. Wildanet was originally a much smaller company based in Liskeard employing less than 50 employees. Wildanet is an alternative network provider originating from BT which separated into 2 parts. Wildanet are building a fibre optic network however, they are also an internet provider. The Government are intending to turn off all old infrastructure (copper) which supports the current landlines by 2025. Wildanet currently have contractors working within Holsworthy and a list of upcoming works will be sent weekly to the Town Clerk which can be published online to inform Parishioners prior to the works. They will also provide contact details to signpost to any members of the public that have queries or complaints. Existing ducts will be used where possible and will try their best to avoid any closures if they can. Councillors queried how this will affect the new planning developments within Holsworthy. Wildanet have been checking the planning portal to observe if any new properties will require infrastructure on their road. Infrastructure does not get extended to each house unless the individual purchases a Wi-Fi network which utilizes their cable, therefore they will be informing the developers of the planning applications about their works and enabling their contractors to incorporate the cabling into their ground works when constructing the properties. Councillors queried wayleaves, financial implications and requested community benefit money to support a community project within Holsworthy.

Amanda Pennington left the meeting at 19:22

5060. Police Report
No report received, however Cllrs. Tadman & Kenneally attended an online meeting in December with the Police and informed members of the discussions had. There were no further discussion or queries.

5061. County Councillor's Report.
No report Received. Councillor N. Kenneally would like Devon County Councillor James Morrish to send a written report at the least especially as he now has administrative support

5062. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor David Jones has called in the requested planning applications and will inform Holsworthy Town Council of any other updates regarding the applications. Cllr. Hutchings requested the TC enquire whether Councillor Jones can chase up the progress of Multi-Use Games Area and the proposed land.

The Chairman returned to Standing Orders.

5063. Council Meeting Minutes – To approve and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the November 2022

Councillor N. Kenneally proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th December 2022 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor L. Piper and agreed. (9 For, 2 Abstention, 0 Against)

5064. Matters Arising - To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 7th December 2022 Meeting, not already covered by the Agenda. For information only.

Not matters arose.

5065. Mayor's Announcements – To receive a report from the Mayor

I would like to wish you all a happy new year. Due to illness, I was unable to attend the Civic Carol Service, but I would like to thank Nigel & Jon for reading at the service in my absence.

The Portreeve (Barry Parrish), the Pretty Maid (ATTC) and I met to visit the local residential care homes, to wish the residents & staff a happy Christmas and give gifts.

That same week, Ian and I attended the Community College Christmas Carol Service, which had input from the Year 7 students.

Ian also accompanied me at the Army Cadet Dinner held at the Golf Club. We had an enjoyable evening, and I presented the Best NCO Shield to one of my Mayor Cadets.

Christmas Eve saw a large group of people attending the carols around the tree in the Square. Thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas lights, it was a bit wet but we fortified with coffee.

Today's Coffee Morning which was raising funds for the Mayor's Charities was very well attended thanks to Councillors who helped, plus of course Tegan & Vanessa. We raised an estimated total of £173 after costs.

5066. Account Due for Payment and Budget Review – to receive and approve the accounts due for payment

Councillors queried the payments to Shred-it – a company that disposes of confidential waste. The TC clarified that 2 payments were made to clear the backlog of 10+ bags of paper waste and one for a regular 3 monthly collection of wastepaper. This is due to the previous office shredder breaking and there being a large backlog of confidential paper waste.

Councillor D. De ste Croix proposed that the accounts for payment be approved. This was seconded by Councillor S. Preston and agreed. (Unanimous)

5067. To Receive, and to Note, the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

A) Planning & Highways Committee

21st December 2022

Unfortunately, the Planning & Highways Committee minutes could not be noted due to incompleteness at this date. They will be placed on the next Council Agenda for review.

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- 5068. To discuss and if appropriate agree Holsworthy Town Council's Budget and associated Projects for the financial year 2023/2024.** (a copy of the agreed draft budget and projects was be circulated prior to the meeting).

All Cllrs had been circulated the draft budget and suggested project list for 2023/24 and associated explanatory information prior to the meeting for consideration. The draft budget for 2023/24 had previously been discussed at previous Finance & General Purposes Committees and Council Meetings. The Town Clerk proceeded to give a explanation of the Council's predicted budgeted expenditure and income for 2023/24, as well as the several options for project proposals that had been agreed to be incorporated as part of the budget. Any changes to the budget since the December Council meeting were highlighted.

Councillors discussed the options and the impact of the various options on residents and the Town Council. After much discussion Cllr. Piper proposed that the Council's Budget and associated projects option C for the financial year 2023/24 be approved with agreement that the MUGA project funds are placed in a Parks/MUGA Project Reserve. This led to another discussion between Councillors where the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Shepherd and voted on.

Councillor Piper proposed that the Council's Budget and associated Projects for the financial year 2023/2024 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Shepherd and agreed. (Vote: 8 For, 3 Against, 0 Abstentions).

- 5069. To discuss and if appropriate agree Holsworthy Town Council's Precept for the financial year 2023/2024.** (the Precept information was be circulated prior to the meeting).

The TC explained to all Councillors that the number of households that are paying Council Tax had only increased by one and explained the calculation of the Precept required because of the now ratified Budget for 2023/2024. Several varying Precept options had been circulated for consideration and the TC had provided a table with the financial impacts each precept would make on each Tax band. It was also discussed that the Town Council's Precept is only a small percentage of the total Council Tax that households pay. Cllr. Piper suggested that a vote was taken on a Precept of £179,825 with Cllr. Stone then suggesting a proposal for a lower Precept figure. A vote was then taken on the first proposal from Cllr Piper which was agreed.

Councillor H. Parker proposed that the Council's Precept of £179,825 for the financial year 2023/2024 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor L. Piper and agreed. (Vote: 8 For, 3 Against, 0 Abstentions).

- 5070. To give an update on the Council's Earmarked Reserves.**

Councillor K. Stone left the meeting at 19:48

The TC discussed the earmarked reserves with the Councillors and answered any queries.

- 5071. To discuss approval for investigation into the possibility of the Council applying for A Public Works Loan Board loan.**

Councillor Hutchings queried the reasoning behind including this item on the agenda. The TC explained that due to high project costs and the uncertainty over precept as well as many new councillors being on the Council it was to inform members of the Public Works Loan Board Loan should it be felt the Council may wish to avail itself of it in the future. Councillor Shepherd requested descriptions of each new agenda item to provide information on the subject prior to the meeting to generate a better understanding which can then be conveyed to querying residents.

5072. To Receive External Committee Updates

Cllr Tadman gave a brief update on the Police Councillor Advocate Rural Focus meeting he attended on behalf of the Town Council on 5th January 2023.

5073. To Receive Correspondence

The TC went through the list of correspondence as follows:

- Meeting with Plough Arts 18.01.23 at 4.30pm
- 3 tonnes of gritting salt to be delivered shortly
- Request for the use of Stanhope Park for an afternoon
- Request for potential new Governors DMAT
- Request for a contribution towards a new best NCO Shield from the Army Cadets
- Initial Lamppost banner designs to be circulated.

5074. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk thanked the Maintenance Operative & Assistant to the Town Clerk for their professional and personal support within the recent weeks on her father's illness as well as extending her thanks to the Councillors.

5075. Exchange of information

There was no additional information exchanged.

5076. Close

Councillor H. Parker closed the meeting at 20:05

Signed *D.H. Parker*

Dated *1/2/23*

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