WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllrs J Morrison (Vice-Chair), B Hughes (Chair) (arrived at 18:15)

Cllrs P Brown, D Brindley, K Griffiths, S Hill, L Ibbs, P Nixon (arrived at 18:45), D Normington (arrived at 18:55), C Brownsword (arrived at 18:55), N Meakin (arrived at 19:00)

Z Grindey (Clerk), G Keiher-Knapper (Deputy Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Cllr J Fryer

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Cllr J Morrison took the Chair and opened the meeting at 18:08

125/23 APOLOGIES

See above.

126/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

127/23 BUDGETS

The proposed budgets were reviewed and discussed.

- It was agreed to amend the Allotments Lease & Maintenance budget to £4,000.
- It was agreed to amend the Speed Indicator Displays (SIDs) budget to £2,500.
- It was agreed to set a budget for the Neighbourhood Plan of £1,500.
- It was agreed to set a budget for Climate Change projects of £1,500.

The following additional points were agreed:

- Clerk to contact the Public Works Loan Board to obtain a copy of the original agreement and enquire if there is a fee if the loan is paid off early.
- A report is to be produced annually, showing what has been achieved by the staff, to demonstrate value for money.
- Quotes to be obtained for replacement play equipment.

128/23 PRECEPT SETTING

The precept scenarios were reviewed and discussed.

Cllr K Griffiths proposed an increase of 5% to the current precept. This was seconded by Cllr P Brown.

Cllr D Normington proposed an alternative motion of an increase of 7.5%. This was seconded by Cllr D Brindley.

A vote was taken to change the original motion and was carried with 1 against.

A vote was taken for the alternative motion and an increase of 7.5% was agreed with 1 against.

An increase of 7.5% to the overall budget will mean an increase of 6.65% for Band D properties, based on the figures provided by SMDC. This equates to an annual increase of £3.53, or 29p per month.

The meeting closed at 19:12