

GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting
9th January 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor D Hales, Councillor Smith
Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Henfrey, Councillor Jordan
Councillor Berry, Councillor C Hales,
Councillor McArdle, Councillor Elgie
Emma McCann (DTC) (Minutes)

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Savage.

Proposed Councillor Elgie

Seconded Councillor Smith

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in matters appearing on the agenda and the nature of their interest.

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident agenda items requested through the Clerk.

None received.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 2024

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th December 2024, as written, and circulated, were agreed as a true record.

Councillor D Hales signed the minutes.

Proposed Councillor C Hales

Seconded Councillor Berry

MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

5. TO APPROVE THE 2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET TO INFORM THE PRECEPT REQUEST

The DTC circulated the Draft Budget and Precept information. Councillors were reminded of the Precept Report that was provided at the last meeting on 12th December 2024. The DTC reported that following a meeting with Councillor D Hales, Councillor Smith and Councillor Tinsley on the 18th December 2024, there were discussions on what areas of the budget could be realigned,

The figures that have been presented been set to allow the Town Council to maintain its services and activities as normal. Although staffing costs were accurate, we had been given the updated increase regarding National Insurance contributions, this has been included in the figures.

The projected pay award was unknown, however, an estimated cost of £5,000 was allocated to cover this. The DTC proposed that rather than increasing the precept by a further £5,000, it could be taken from reserves.

The DTC recommends an increase to the precept of 3%. This is an annual increase of £1.91 for a Band D property. Councillors were reminded that the majority of the properties in the Greater Willington Parish are Band A, which will be a slightly lower increase.

Councillor D Hales explained the figures and percentages provided had been seriously considered and allocated circumspectly and carefully. She also reported that, due to successful funding of almost £16,000 to replace the roof, in effect meant that the councils reserves were not used for this urgent work.

Councillor D Hales supports the £5,000 expenditure from reserves to be allocated to the budget.

Councillor Tinsley expressed he is unable to support the budget. He said he would choose his words carefully, in November the Town Council had an opportunity to agree to his proposal which would have had a significant effect on the budget, however this was not carried following a vote.

Councillor C Hales proposed the 3% increase and Councillor Smith seconded the motion.

The DTC asked councillors to vote, and the motion was carried.

Resolved1. To submit a Precept request of £123,039.31 to DCC by 17th January 2025.

Resolved2. £5,000 to be transferred from the reserves to support the budget.

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6pm.

Meeting closed at 6.13pm.