



Horsforth Town Council

Full Council Minutes Extraordinary Meeting Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: In Chair - Cllr R Hardcastle

Cllr M Boyes, Cllr C Calvert, D Collins, Cllr C Cordingley, Cllr S Dowling, Cllr J Garvani, Cllr M Leech, Cllr D Prater, Cllr J Pritlove, Cllr A Radford, Cllr I Scott, Cllr V Wood-Robinson

In attendance: J Sou – Clerk; 2 representatives from Horsforth Live at Home; three members of the public.

HTC/18.100 These minute numbers have been left blank intentionally.

HTC/18.101 To receive apologies for absence and to consider the reason for the absence
RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs M Hughes, P Mallott, R O'Callaghan and N Tinsley be accepted.

HTC/18.102 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests
None declared.

HTC/18.103 To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman's discretion
There were no questions or comments.

HTC/18.104 Precept and Taxbase 2019/20
Members **noted** a report from Cllr D Collins on the outcome of enquiries with Leeds City Council.

- The taxbase for 2019/20 was correct. The reason for the fall in the 2019/20 taxbase from 2018/19 was due to estimated numbers of new properties in Horsforth due for completion in 2018/19 and their valuations having been set too high by Leeds City Council when the 2018/19 taxbase was set.
- This had therefore had an effect on the 2019/20 taxbase when the correct figures for 2018/19 were known.
- **The increase in precept from £114,710 in 2018/19 to £119,800 for 2019/20 set at the Council meeting of 30 January 2019 did not therefore need adjusting as the 2019/20 taxbase was correct.**

HTC/18.105 3 & 5 The Green
Members reviewed the business plan, budget 2018-19 and financial projections.
A number of corrections were made to the business plan.
The heading for the budget paper for 2018-19 required amending by deleting the words "and budget proposals 2019/20".
The risk assessment for 3 & 5 The Green was considered.
Discussions held relating to the following:

- Affordability of the loan

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- Whether the 5% increase in the precept for 2019/20 would be repeated in future years – confirmed that this was not the intention
- The overheads included in the costs
- Council cannot make losses every year
- The consultation on the proposed purchase and precept increase – the consultation letter sent in March 2018 to all properties in Horsforth had specified the proposed increase to the precept in percentage and monetary terms and a majority of the responses received had been in favour
- Anecdotal evidence from councillors – members of the public giving them positive feedback on the proposed purchase
- Future consultations – Council newsletter to be used to update the public and to answer any questions

RESOLVED as follows:

1. **To seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a loan of £290,000 for up to 50 years for the purpose of purchasing a 125 year old leasehold of 3&5 The Green and The Stables, Town Street, Horsforth from Leeds City Council and for refurbishment of the properties.**
2. **To confirm the increase to the precept by 5% for a Band D property which is the equivalent of £0.79 per year for a Band D property, for the purpose of the loan repayments.**
3. **To note the risk assessment for 3&5 The Green.**

ACTION:

- **Clerk to update business plan and budget 2018-19 with the corrections.**
- **Clerk to prepare loan approval application for signature by Chairman and Clerk and submit to Yorkshire Local Councils Association in the first instance.**
- **Options for loan repayments (annuity or equal instalments of principal) to be considered at a later date.**
- **Members to advise of any updates needed to the risk assessment.**

HTC/18.106 Date of next meeting

Next Council meeting: Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7:15pm.

Deadline for agenda items: 13 March 2019

Noted.

Distribution: Cllrs M Boyes, C Calvert, D Collins, C Cordingley, S Dowling, J Garvani, S Glover, R Hardcastle, M Holmes, M Hughes, R Jacques, M Leech, P Mallott, R O'Callaghan, D Prater, J Pritlove, A Radford, I Scott, N Tinsley, M Wharton, V Wood-Robinson

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