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Extraordinary Meeting of the Council - Minutes Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7.00pm

Broadfields

Simon Dowling
Eddie Hyndes
Ray Jones
John Garvani

Brownberrie

Alan Radford

Hall Park

Tracy Stones

Victoria

Mark Fletcher
Gill Garvani

Woodside

Aiden Goulden

In attendance: None

Agreed - that in absence of the Clerk Cllr Dowling would take the minutes

HTC/25.49 Introduction from Chair

Cllr G Garvani welcomed all to the meeting.

HTC/25.50 To receive apologies for absence and to consider and approve the reason for the absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Brosnan, Cllr Hardcastle, Cllr Gains, Cllr Gomersall, Cllr Heaviside, Cllr Gillinder, Cllr Richards, Cllr Wishart and Cllr Tumalan reasons were approved.

HTC/25.51 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests

None declared

HTC/25.52 Public Participation

No members of public were present.

HTC/25.53 Financial Matters.

25.53.1 To confirm previous resolution agreed on 17th July 2025 to seek authority from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to borrow £200,000 from the Public Works Loan Board for a borrowing term of 40 years for the purpose of completing both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the renovation No. 3 The Green, including the provision of fixtures and fittings, in order to ensure the building is fully completed, equipped, and open for community use. The loan will be annuity based at a fixed rate of interest of 6.18% and annual loan repayments will be in the region of £13,954.20.

Additionally, to consider and agree to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 3.8% minimum for financial year 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 which is equivalent of an additional £0.77 per band D household per year using the current financial years taxbase.

Resolved to reaffirm the previous resolution agreed at the meeting held on 17th July 2025 to seek authority from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to borrow £200,000 from the Public Works Loan Board for a borrowing term of 40 years for the purpose of completing both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the renovation No. 3 The Green, including the provision of fixtures and fittings, in order to ensure the building is fully completed, equipped, and open for

community use. The loan will be annuity based at a fixed rate of interest of 6.18% and annual loan repayments will be in the region of £13,954.20.

Additionally, it was **resolved** to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 3.8% minimum for financial year 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 which is equivalent of an additional £0.77 per band D household per year using the current financial years taxbase. It was noted that the figures for the agreed precept increase were based on the 2025/2026 precept figures and may vary for financial years 2026/27 and 2027/28

Resolved to give delegated powers to the Clerk in communication with the Chair and Vice Chair of council that if the Secretary of State gives approval of the loan to go ahead and apply to draw down the loan money.

Resolved to allocate any underspend from the premises budget to designated funds, to enable extra payments on the loan every 5–10 years.

25.53.2 To consider and approve the quotes received for the Christmas Light Switch On.

Resolved to approve the quotes for the Remembrance Service stage at £363.90, for awards at £114, and for the stage, PA, and generator for the Christmas event at £1900 and to waive the requirement to seek three quotes.

HTC/25.54 Date of next meeting

Members are asked to note the date of the next meeting: 20th November 2025

Deadline for agenda items: 10th November 2025

The date of the next meeting was noted.

Distribution: E Bromley, D Brosnan, D Collins, B Cousins, S Dowling, M Fletcher, F Gains, G Garvani, J Garvani, C Gillinder, S Gomersall, A Goulden, R Hardcastle, B Heaviside, E Hyndes, R Jones, A Martin, A Radford, E Richards, T Stones, J Tumalan, A Wishart