

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7PM HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING**

(In accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels Coronavirus (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020)

PRESENT:

Cllr S Mortlock (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr L Macrae
Cllr S Martin
Cllr J Neish
Cllr C Norman
Cllr G Norman
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr S Mitcham
Cllr A Whyte
Cllr M Williamson

Mrs J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

There were members of the public present.

101. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

Cllr C O'Reilly-personal

110. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest – Personal and/or prejudicial and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed she had given dispensation to all members of Council to enable the meeting to go ahead and resolutions to be made.

112. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2020.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr G Norman) All in favour.

113. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly statement of receipts and payments as at 13th November 2020
No questions raised.

Noted.

114. Grants and Donations

To consider the following requests: -

114.1 The Villager up to £400 for financial year 2021/22

Resolved: That the Villager be underwritten to sum of £400 should it be required. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr G Norman) 11 in favour, 1 against.

115. Budgets

115.1 To approve the bank reconciliation as at 2nd November 2020.

Resolved: That the bank reconciliation be approved. (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

115.2 To review the budgets for 2020/21

Cllr McPherson thanked the Clerk for the accompanying notes.

Cllr Neish commented that the budget had been well put together and was nicely balanced.

He offered a word of caution considering the current difficult times due to Covid pandemic.

Cllr Mortlock felt that the budget had been carefully prepared and that there was little wriggle room to reduce any budget lines.

Cllr Fountain spoke to say that in his opinion the Parish Council held too many reserves and that he saw no reason to increase them in the next financial year.

Cllr Mitcham asked if there was a policy for reserves. Clerk outlines General reserve and allocated sums.

Cllr Neish considered that the level of reserves was good practice. Cllr MacPherson stated she had been through all the figures and that she considered that budget fair.

Resolved: That the budget be accepted as presented, (copy attached) (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2ND Cllr Williamson) 11 in Favour 1 Against.

Noted

115.3 To set the budgets for 2021/22

Each Councillor was asked by the Chairman for comments.

Resolved: That the budget is accepted as presented. (copy attached) (Prop Cllr Macpherson 2nd Cllr M Williamson) 11 in favour. 1 Against

116. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2021/22

Resolved: That a precept of £118490.00 be set for the financial year 2021/22 (Prop Cllr Macpherson, 2nd Cllr Mortlock) 11 in favour. 1 Against.

117. Items to report

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Chairman

Date