

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held via google meet video in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020, 3.4.20, Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 8.00pm.

1.Present: Cllrs A Davey (Chairperson), P Allen, M Exley, S Judd, D Foster, N Foster, B Gardiner, D Nunn, H Orton, E Ward, S Jones (Clerk), SCC/MSDC Cllr A Stringer, and three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr S Webb.

The Mendlesham Parish Council filming statement was read out.

2. Declarations of interest:

a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items. None declared.

b) To agree any dispensations with regard to declarations of interest. Not required.

3. To approve the draft minutes of the following meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

a) Ordinary Parish Council meeting 13.1.21. Pages 1822-1830 inclusive were unanimously agreed as an accurate record of that meeting. It was agreed they would be signed and dated by the Chairperson at the earliest opportunity.

4. Public Forum: no questions asked and no written questions received.

5. Reports

a) Clerks report -any urgent matters. None.

b) Any other urgent reports. None

c) Chairs report : Nothing to report that is not an agenda item.

d) Questions to the Chair: None

6. Mendlesham Parish Council: Financial matters

a) To confirm payment of any urgent invoices. None required.

b) To note bank reconciliation and management information to 31.12.20. Information had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors and was duly noted with no questions.

c) To confirm consideration of the three year budget is not required as not financially meaningful further to Covid Emergency. Unanimously agreed.

d) To consider any reserve requirements. Details of potential reserve transfers were included as part of the budget papers for the next agenda item. However it was noted this would need to be an agenda item to consider this item in detail before the end of the financial year 31.3.21.

e) To complete the budget process for Mendlesham Parish Council for the year ending 31.3.22.

Further to previous meetings and agenda items, further information regarding the Mendlesham tax base for 2021/22 as at January 2021 had been received, reporting the tax base at £561.55, 1.6% decrease on previous year. Notification of a grant £531 via Mid Suffolk District Council was noted.

The following potential increases by other precept charging authorities was noted as Mid Suffolk District Council, potential increase 1.66%; Suffolk County Council potential increase 4% (2% increase plus 2% towards social care) and Police potential increase £15 per band D property.

Two potential budgets had been prepared and circulated in advance by the Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer. Budget A with a precept of £40,000, Budget B Precept of £40100 1.8% increase for Band D properties.

It was noted many expenditure lines had been significantly reduced including grant provision and training but allowance had been included for the new professional contract to maintain Mendlesham Playingfields and an increase to asset renewal provision of £4700, noting £5,000 over 30 years was ideally required. Playingfield hire income was also uncertain.

Budget A, Precept £40,000, was proposed,seconded and unanimously approved.

f) To set the precept for the year ending 31.3.22 and agree completion of Precept Billing Authority requirements.

A precept of £40,000 was unanimously agreed. It was noted Band D properties would pay £71.23 (£70.09 2020/21) 1.63 % increase for Parish share of precept. Cllr Davey, Parish Clerk and either Cllr Orton or Allen to sign the Precept authority.

g) Any other urgent financial matters. None

7. Any other business: matters of report and future agenda items.

Cllr Stringer reported and apologised for difficulties due to Suffolk County Council Roadworks near Mendlesham Health Centre.

Cllr Nunn asked who wished to attend the working party meeting regarding the Community Centre future which included Cllrs Davey, Allen, Orton, Nunn, Ward, Stringer and the Parish Clerk.

Meeting closed at 20.37pm

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