

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.08 PM AT THE  
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, 7 ANGEL HILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Thompson (Town Mayor), Augustine, Bouché, D Hind, K Hind, Rout, Turner, Waterman, Whittingham and Williamson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Luton (Town Clerk), Sue Hindry (Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotments and Administrative Assistant), PCSOs Ellis and Whiting and a member of the Public.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Chung, Everitt, Higgins, Hopfensperger, Iannelli-Popham, Parker and Rayner.

**2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ADDITIONS TO REGISTERS**

All District Councillors are advised to declare as follows: "that I may vote differently at District Council level from that recorded at this meeting at that other tier of local government". Cllrs Augustine, D Hind, Rout, Thompson, Waterman and Williamson declared a local non-pecuniary interest as a District Councillor.

**3. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN APPLICATIONS BY A MEMBER FOR DISPENSATION, FROM THE RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 31(4) OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND SPECIFY THE PERIOD FOR WHICH ANY DISPENSATION HAS EFFECT**

None.

**4. TO CONFIRM, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES: 27 NOVEMBER 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/89/18/Dec/19:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 27 November 2019 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

None present.

**6. TO NOTE THE PCSO UPDATE AND ANY OTHER POLICING ISSUES**

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Jo Whiting introduced herself and suggested meeting Councillors individually to get to know them and their Wards. PCSO Ellis gave an updated crime statistics report and answered Members' questions.

**7. TO NOTE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk gave an update on the move to Whiting Street and extended thanks to the PCSOs.

**8. TO NOTE THE RFO'S REPORT**

This item was a prelude to the Budget and precept discussions which followed.

**9. TO CONSIDER THE 2020/2021 BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROJECTIONS**

Version 2 of the draft Budget and precept projections and options to meet the potential projected deficit were considered.

A proposal to increase the precept in the draft budget by £96,455 (Band D equivalent amount per year of £40.50) was seconded and subsequently withdrawn.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/90/18/Dec/19:**

That the precept in the draft budget be increased by £120,569 (Band D equivalent amount per year of £42.30).

**10. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2019 PAYMENTS LIST**

It was agreed that the payment for the new fencing at the Cotton Lane allotment site be included.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/91/18/Dec/19:**

That the December payments list be approved.

**11. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING LICENSING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27 NOVEMBER 2019**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/92/18/Dec/19:**

That the minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Finance Committee meeting of 27 November 2019 be received.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 7pm.**

The meeting ended at 8.16 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_