North Weald Bassett PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

Meeting: PARISH COUNCIL

Date: 11th January 2021

Time: 7.00PM

Venue: IN LINE WITH CURRENT GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

PRESENT:

Councillors (12) A Buckley (Chairman), Mrs A Grigg, T Blanks, Mrs S Jackman MBE, A Tyler, B Clegg, R Spearman, Mrs S Hawkins, M Stroud, G Mulliner, A Irvine, Mrs P Etherington

> *Officers in Attendance* (3) Susan Deluca - Clerk Adriana Jones – Principal Financial Officer Joanna Tyler – Senior Administrative Officer

Members of the Public (1) Members of the Press (0)

The Chairman read out a statement regarding The Law and new regulations, which came into force on 4 April 2020. The regulations allow councils to hold virtual meetings at which members attend remotely via video conferencing. The regulations, in response to the Coronavirus crisis and the need for social distancing and isolation, ended the previous requirement for voting members to attend meetings in person. These regulations are in place for a period of one year. A full copy of the statement is available upon request to the Clerk to the Council.

C20.191 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2)

Apologies received from Cllrs Bedford and Ms Coop-Rodia

C20.192 OTHER ABSENCES (1)

No apologies received from Cllr Ms Wood

C20.193 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2020 were *APPROVED* as a correct record.

The Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 21^{st} December 2020 were *APPROVED* as a correct record. A recommendation had been put forward to full Council at that meeting for the precept for 2021/2022. Councillors formally *RESOLVED* to *ACCEPT* the proposal and the Precept for 2021/2022 was *AGREED* at £220,376 (representing a NIL increase). *PROPOSED* by Cllr Mulliner and *SECONDED* by Cllr Buckley. A vote was recorded as follows: 11 - FOR

1 - AGAINST (Cllr Blanks asked that his vote be recorded in the Minutes)

C20.194 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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C20.195 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

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C20.196 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

Due to the nature of the item to be discussed, the press and public were asked to leave the meeting and were excluded, the Council believing that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed.

Councillors *NOTED* the contents of the report attached to the agenda. Following a verbal report, Councillors were asked to respond to the Clerk to the Council by Friday, 15th January 2021.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

Signed

Date