

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 FEBRUARY 2023 at 7:00pm
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

- Present**
- Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano (Vice Chair)
Cllr D Archer
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr D Edwards
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr B Streeton
Cllr H Woodward
- Clerk**
- Emma Freemantle
Oliver Armstrong, Deputy Clerk
- Public**
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- FC/156**
- Apologies**
Apologies received from Cllr D Hooper, Cllr B Keetch, Cllr J Kemble and Cllr L Gough.
- FC/157**
- Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations.
- FC/158**
- Public Questions**
There were no members of the public present.
- FC/159**
- Precept Setting for 2023 – 2024**
Members received and **NOTED** a report of the Clerk with recommendations for the parish councils 2023-24 budget and precept demand, a copy of which can be found as Appendix A in the Minute Book.
- Members **RESOLVED** to agree the following:
- 3.1 The budget for 2023/24 is approved as per Appendix A.
 - 3.2 The Precept is set at 612,828 resulting in a £179.23 per annum charge per Band D household.
 - 3.3 To note the EMR funds for the current financial year 2022/23, attached as appendix B.
 - 3.4 The Precept Form from Swindon Borough Council, attached as Appendix C is signed.
 - 3.5 To note the large increase in precept for 2023/2024 can be summarised as follows:
 - Forward planning of additional open space services required, both Churchyard and general.
Additional grounds team vehicle lease
Additional tools / equipment

- Increased and unexpected energy costs for both the parish council and Ellendune Hall Trust.
- Upgraded contract cleaning for parish managed and owned buildings.
- Large increase in parish office and library room rent costs.
- Councillor allowances for 15 elected members.
- Enhanced financial software packages.
- Increase of parish council insurance.
- Increase with trade waste charges, fly tipping increase and disposal.
- Maintenance on Maunsell Way Pavilion in current condition.
- Replacement of Weir Field play area.

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Precept form received from Swindon Borough Council

Members **NOTED** the attached forms to be completed in respect of the 2023-24 precept demand which requires returning to Swindon Borough Council. A copy of the paperwork can be found as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to sign the form with a precept demand of £618,828 with members signing accordingly.

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Reserves Allocation 2023-24

Members received and **NOTED** Clerks recommendations for the updated Reserves for the 2023-24 financial year, a copy of which can be found as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the allocations as per Appendix C.

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Reserves Allocation 2023 - 24

The meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council