

# Hetton Town Council



## Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Hetton Town Council held on 27 January 2020 at The Hetton Centre

### Present

Councillors R Coulson, T Dodds, R Elvin, A Farrow, D Geddis, R Heron, M Hopper, A Liversidge, D Liversidge, K Pearson (Town Mayor), S Quigley, K Rowham, and C Sinnott.

### In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC), 1 x Member of Public (MoP)

### 1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Cllr J Blackburn (representing Hetton residents at another venue), Cllr J Cunningham (family commitment), Cllr J Defty (work commitment), Cllr J Green (work commitment), Cllr M Thornton (meeting at Civic Centre), Cllr D Turner (meeting at Civic Centre), Cllr S Waterston (unwell) and Cllr C Willis (work commitment).

Town Council resolved to approve the apologies received.

### 2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3) Public Participation

Town Council resolved that a period of five minutes be allocated for this item. There were no matters raised by MoP.

### 4) Precept 2020-2021

TC introduced the previously circulated report which provided:  
An illustration of the effect of a 0% precept increase for 2020-2021;  
Combined actual and anticipated expenditure for 2019-2020;  
and  
A proposed budget for 2020-2021.

TC advised that the current year financial position was based upon information known at the time of compilation and may be subject to change.

Following discussion, Cllr R Elvin proposed a 0% increase in precept for 2020-2021. This was seconded by Cllr D Geddis.

Following a vote by show of hands, this was carried: 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

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Signed:

Date:

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### **4) Precept 2020-2021 cont ...**

Town Council discussed the budget proposal for 2020-2021.

A Member commented that no specific funding was identified for Easington Lane for Christmas 2020. This was noted and would be referred to Events & Special Activities Committee for consideration.

A Member queried the methodology for the calculation of TC salary for 2020-2021. TC undertook to provide Members with a detailed explanation.

**Note:** Members entered into detailed non agenda discussions relating to Town Clerk working arrangements. Town Clerk voluntarily left the meeting for several minutes at this stage.

Cllr K Rowham proposed that the budget for 2020-2021 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr D Geddis.

Town Council resolved to:

Note the budget position for 2019-2020;

Agree a 0% increase in precept for 2020-2021 based upon Band D charge of £14.46 and that Town Clerk notify Sunderland City Council (the billing authority) accordingly;

and,

Approve the budget for 2020 -2021.