

HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the **Part 2 Extra F&GP Meeting** held on Tuesday 26th November 2020 at 7.00pm, remotely.

Present: Cllrs Winser, Simpson, Knight, Chicken, Fyfe
Also, RFO and Clerk, Cllrs Downe, Shatford and Yakar-Wells

PART 2

Confidential

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None
2. **Declarations of interest** – None

3. **Review of HTC Action & Strategy Plan and budget setting for financial year 2021-22**

The Committee reviewed the Action Plan and noted any areas where change to priority or budget was required. The RFO shared a spreadsheet of draft budgets and conversation centred mainly around budget considerations for playgrounds, streetlights, CCTV, speeding devices, pigeon control, NDP, salaries and tourism. After discussion, the spreadsheet was updated.

At present the council tax bill for Hungerford households shows a special charge separate to HTC's precept. This is in respect of lampposts owned by HTC. West Berks Council has agreed in principle to remove the special charge and instead we will add the charge to our Precept figure.

ACTION: Confirm if WBC are removing the special charge effective from April 2021 and if they will explain change to rate payers.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm rules around extension of tenders.

ACTION: Clerk to check the Karcher is in sale ready condition.

Committee wished to keep any necessary increase in precept low. *Cllr Simpson proposed recommending to Full Council a Precept of £306,689, seconded by Cllr Winser, all in favour.* This shows an increase in Precept of 4.35% but incorporates the Special Charge and is based on an estimated Band D figure (actual figures awaited from West Berks Council).

Thanks were expressed to the RFO for his work.

Meeting closed 8.29pm