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# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices  
7.30pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

P Ansell	A Cooney
B Dipple	D Gaye
I Gunner	G Grant
R Hughes	O Lyons
C Martin	C Panter-Hood
N Stanley (Chair)	G Turner

Also Present: H Goodreid (Town Clerk)

Min No	Item	Action
<b>147</b> 147.1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Davey, Green, Hodgson, Pyke and Tait-Green	
<b>148</b> 148.1	<b>Declaration of Personal &amp; Prejudicial interest</b> None	
<b>149</b> 149.1	<b>To receive requests for any dispensation</b> None	
<b>150</b> 150.1	<b>Chair to close meeting for public session</b> No matters were raised.	
<b>151</b>	<b>Chair to reopen the council meeting</b>	
<b>152</b> 152.1	<b>To consider approving and signing council minutes</b> It was proposed to accept the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023. <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Ansell</i> <b>The minutes were agreed.</b>	
<b>153</b> 153.1	<b>Actions Arising</b> All matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda.	
<b>154</b> 154.1	<b>To note the minutes from the following council meetings:</b> Rose Committee 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	

154.2 154.3	Community Engagement Committee 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 Finance and Management Committee 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022  These were noted.	
<b>155</b> 155.1  155.2	<b>Budget</b> Cllrs noted the proposed budget for the next 3 financial years. It was noted that even if approved, the budget would need to be reviewed when details were known about the solar panels.  It was proposed to accept the budget and forecast budgets. <i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Panter-Hood</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b>	
<b>156</b> 156.1  156.2	<b>Precept</b> Cllrs noted the recommendation made by F and M Committee for a 0% increase in the precept for 2023/2024. The point was made that because of an increase in costs, the Town Council would need an increase in the precept, but it was accepted that with the cost-of-living crisis, the Town Council felt unable to put this burden on to the community and would therefore absorb the costs for one year.  It was proposed that a 0% increase in the Precept be requested but it was noted that because of an increase in the tax base, there would be a rise in the precept of approx. £2,000 without affecting individual bills. The precept request would be £317,393. <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Grant</i> <b>The motion was accepted.</b>	Town Clerk to submit the request to CCDC
<b>157</b> 157.1  157.2	<b>Disciplinary and Grievance Policy</b> Cllrs noted the proposed amendments as recommended by F and M committee.  It was proposed to accept the revised policy. <i>Proposed: Cllr Grant; Seconded: Cllr Panter-Hood.</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b>	Town Clerk to make changes and place on the website.
<b>158</b> 158.1  158.2	<b>Finance Regulations</b> Cllrs considered the proposed changes to the Finance Regulations. Cllr Gaye asked what the spend limit was on the debit card – Finance Officer to email all Cllrs on her return.  It was proposed to accept all changes to the Finance Regulations. <i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Gaye</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b>	Finance Officer to email all Cllrs.
<b>159</b> 159.1	<b>Costs of Work for Flat Roof Replacement in Theatre</b> Cllrs considered the 3 quotes for the work. It was understood that Quote 1 did not include insulation which was needed to bring the roof up to current building regs requirements. The costs were ambiguous on the second two quotes and it was agreed that the Town Clerk contact both	Town Clerk to contact roofers and inform Cllrs via email so that they could make a

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	companies and confirm the costs to include scaffolding / removal of rubbish etc. It was agreed that the roof would be inspected by another roofer to advise on the need for replacement tiles. Town Clerk to email all Cllrs as soon as full costs had been received.	decision in between meetings.
<b>160</b> 160.1	<b>Energy Arts Project</b> Cllrs received a paper and verbal update on the public launch of the Energy Arts project on Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> February at the Rose Theatre between 12noon and 4pm. Promotional work was going on Facebook and through partners.	
<b>161</b> 161.1	<b>Chairs and Vice Chairs Report</b> The vice chair had attended the pig racing at Stone Council.	
<b>162</b> 162.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023.	

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.

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