

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

At a meeting of the **Finance & Governance Committee** held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022**.

**Present:** Councillors A Greenwood (Deputy Chairman), P Duigan, P Morton and H Clarke.

**Also present:** Town Clerk Tony Needham

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H King, S Green and T Monument

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor H Clarke declared that he was an allotment tenant.

Councillor P Morton declared that he was a member of the Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall.

**3. To consider grant applications.**

The Committee recommended the following grant applications.

Organization	Purpose	Amount	Comment
Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall	Towards 8 events in 2023	£1,000	
Dereham Baptist Church	Contribution towards new boiler	£1,000	

**4. To report on income against expenditure.**

The report on income and expenditure was presented and discussed.

**5. To discuss issues around budget setting.**

The risk of ongoing energy price inflation was discussed with the potential impact this could have in future years.

**6. To consider revenue budget.**

The revenue budget was considered and a few minor amendments and corrections made.

**7. To consider 4-year Projects and Capital budget.**

The Projects and Capital budget was considered with a correction made to the building capital repairs budget.

**8. To consider precept requirements for 2023/24.**

On considering the revenue budget, 4-year budget and risks facing the Council.

The Committee recommended that the Precept for 2023/24 be set at £1,090,604. This would mean an increase in a Band D Council Tax of £8.89 per year or 5%, with fees and charges also increasing by 5%.

**9. To review Standing Orders.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Councillor L Monument and bring recommendation to full Council

**10. To consider selling nutrient neutrality credits.**

The Committee recommended that the Council agree in principle to selling nutrient credits in an opportunity arose. With any agreement being brought to Full Council for agreement.

**11. To consider changes to machinery fleet.**

The Committee discussed the staff changes recently made with regards to grave digging and mowing the cemetery.

The Committee recommended selling the digger and pick-up then using the funds to purchase a mini tractor with implements. The Clerk would review the merits of purchasing new over second hand and bring recommendations to next Finance and Governance Committee.

**12. Update with regards to Building Valuation.**

The Clerk updated Councillors that following the valuation of the Assembly Rooms and the Memorial Hall that the valuation for the memorial Hall had been increased by 10% and all other buildings by 25%.

**13. Exclusion of press and public**

Proposed by councillor Greenwood it was agreed to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting on the grounds that the Business to be transacted is confidential and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**14. To consider Norwich Street Properties.**

The Committee discussed the matter with the Clerk and it was resolved that all outstanding invoices must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Chairman