



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 22 February at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown**

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Wright (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Teasdale and Cllr. Young

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 1 member of the Public, County Press

Simon Butler, Amey Waste gave a presentation to members outlining the new waste collection scheme that would be implemented later in the year. He answered questions from Members.

- 1264/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr. Dupre (knee operation) and Cllr. Ward (attending another meeting).
- 1265/16 To receive declarations of interest**  
Declaration of interest was received from Cllr. Blezzard in respect any items relating to the business of the Isle of Wight Council.
- 1266/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 26 January 2016**  
On a proposal from Cllr. Patel, seconded by Cllr. Cowley  
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 14 December 2015 as a true and correct record.
- 1267/16 To discuss the IWALC arranged visit to Winchester for a meeting on the HLOW devolution proposals.**  
After discussion Cllr. Ward offered to attend the meeting on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight devolution process on 01 March. It was agreed to pay his expenses.
- 1268/16 To approve and sign the Schedule of Payments**  
The schedules and invoices having been examined by Cllrs. Cowley and Mereweather and on a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £1,373.97, and for Sandham Grounds in the sum of £3,669.24
- 1269/16 To agree the fees chargeable for events in Los Altos Park**  
After discussion, and on a proposal from Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather  
It was **RESOLVED** to run with the IOW figures, but rounding them up to round figures and bring for review next year.
- 1270/16 To discuss the quotation for grounds maintenance at Sandham Grounds**  
Having received a copy of the quotation for Grounds Maintenance from John O'Connor in the sum of £27,614.00 and after discussion, it was agreed that as this Company 'Connor was a 'preferred supplier' and had given no cause for complaint,

and the standard of work was good, and on a proposal from Cllr. Young seconded by Cllr. Teasdale

It was **RESOLVED** that the Contract would stay with them for the coming year.

**1271/16 To receive a report from the Building Working Party**

- a) **Building Progress** A further meeting was required to hear from Cllr. Ward on his progress, and to formulate a proposal to Council concerning proposal received. This was arranged for Thursday 25 February at 9.30am
- b) **Office Progress** The Clerk had made contact with various people concerning the availability of Office accommodation and would report to the meeting arranged for 25 February.

**1272/16 Discretionary Services Town & Parish Councils**

The Town Council was still waiting for the Leases for the Public Toilets and after discussion, and on a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Blezzard it was **RESOLVED** that to ensure the standard that it is hoped could be achieved the Council would employ its own Staff. This would be either by increasing hours for current Staff or employing additional Staff, and the detail would be considered by the Clerk and reported back.

It was further **RESOLVED** that an independent survey would be sourced.

**1273/16 To discuss the Budget and set the Precept for 2016/17**

After discussion, and on a proposal from Cllr. Humby, seconded by Cllr. Teasdale

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the IOW Council asking what income they received from beach concessions, and to ask for these to be released to the Parish & Town Councils to offset some of the costs now being borne by the beach destination Towns.

After further discussions about the Budget in general, and on a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Humby

It was **RESOLVED** to consider using some of the budgeted £50,000 for public conveniences as repayment for Public Works Loan Board loans to improve the Public convenience buildings. This would ensure that future generations bore some of the costs, rather than placing it all on the shoulders of one generation.

On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp

It was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2016/17 as follows:

Income (grant): -£12,471 Reserve movement: £0 Precept requirement: £229,828

giving a Band D property 7.78% increase based on the figures supplied by the IOW Council for Band D equivalent properties.

*Cllr. Grandchamp having given notice to fellow Members that he would need to leave the meeting early, left the room.*

**1274/16 To note written/verbal reports from**

**a) County Councillors**

Report from Cllr. Blezzard was noted (copy attached) and discussed.

**b) Town Councillors**

The Mayor updated members on the progress of the arrangements for the events to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. These included a Church service at St. John's Sandown, with invitations being sent by the Sandown Mayor to leaders of organisations in the Bay area, a Children's Poetry competition to win a mug, with a certificate for every child taking part.

**1275/16**

**To note correspondence/information received by the Town Clerk**

Town Crier is booked by Shanklin Town Council to attend a service at 09.00 on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Queen's Birthday). Clerk was asked to arrange for him to make a 'cry' in the High Street at midday.

**1263/16**

**To note the date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted – 21 March 2016

Signed  
Chairman

21 March 2016

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