

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES

Budget Setting Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Sykes (chairman), Cooper, Green, Hutchinson, Perry, Radcliffe, Sinton Spademan, West.

Attending: Gordon Scaife - Town Clerk

1. Notice of meeting. Cllr Cooper proposed the notice of the meeting 2nd Cllr West and agreed.
2. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Hodgson (Work), Jones (Illness) and Winterton (Holiday).
3. Declarations of interest. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

No declarations of interest were declared.

4. Consider suspending the meeting to allow for presentations.
There were no members of the public present so the meeting wasn't suspended.
5. Consider continuing the meeting. The meeting hadn't been suspended so continued.
6. Consider the draft budget.
Cllr Perry commented on the current role of our handyman and questioned why the parts of the town were messy. Cllr Perry queried the need for an assistant to help out. Councillors pointed out that the handyman's job description had changed due to the expanding role the Town Council has undertaken over the years. These new duties are due to the following –
Leases for Primrose Wood and Broadmanor open space have been taken on and these spaces require maintenance.
The skate park at West Green has been installed.
The town has grown in size.
The gritting of footpath routes is now included.
Grass cutting and other ground maintenance is required which also keep the town tidy. Cllrs felt that this expanding number of jobs means that an assistant handyman is now required.

The two new items in the budget for next year are a part-time assistant handyman and an amount to run a town bus service on two days a week.

Councillors raised some of the items in the budget for clarification. CAB is an amount paid to the Citizens Advice Service to enable them to hold advice appointments for residents in Pocklington.

Pocklington in Bloom is the budget for plants and trees.

Cllr Sinton queried why nothing was budgeted for elections next year. The Clerk explained that if an election wasn't held by the end of March which is now very unlikely the portion of this year's budget earmarked for elections can be earmarked into the reserves and spent on elections when required.

7. To agree the budget for the Council for 2018/19
Cllr Green proposed the budget be accepted 2nd Cllr Sinton and agreed.
8. Consider and agree the precept for Pocklington Town Council.
Cllr West proposed that the precept be set at £258,562 for the financial year 2018/19
2nd by Cllr Green and agreed.

Cllr Cooper requested that the increase in the precept be put in pounds and pence rather than just as percentage.

The Meeting closed at 7.24pm