

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON FRIDAY 6 JANUARY 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Chair)  
John Akker  
Julie Baker  
Sam Jarvis  
Robert Jenkins  
Sophie Weaver  
Chris Wood  
IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk

23/001 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

Apologies were received from Councillors David Bragg and Sylvia Wargent who were unable to attend due to the early start.

**The Council RESOLVED to accept Councillors Bragg and Wargent apologies.**

23/002 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors will be reminded that they must declare in relation to this agenda any disclosable pecuniary interests which would prevent them from participating in any discussion or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest, any other registerable interest or non-registerable interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion or participating in any vote upon the item.

None received.

23/003 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A period of up to 15 minutes (maximum of 3 minutes per person) for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments about items on the agenda and any other matters they wish to bring to the Council's attention.

No members of the public were present.

Councillor Weaver arrived at 9.35am.

23/004 **BUDGET**

To agree and finalise the budget and precept for 2023/24

The Council discussed the budget items for 2023/24 with reference to the Strategy document, considering items for this budget, items to defer until 2024/25 and those to fund from releases from reserves.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Draft minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council

23/005

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To RESOLVE that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

**The Council RESOLVED to exclude the public for discussion of the Personnel Committee budget.**

23/006

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

To consider and agree recommendations from Personnel Committee

**Following discussion the Council RESOLVED to accept one of the Personnel Committee staffing recommendations and made amendments to another.**

A recorded vote was requested; 4 in favour (Cllrs Powling, Jarvis, Jenkins, Weaver) and 3 against (Cllrs Akker, Baker, Wood).

**Following the Personnel Committee recommendations vote the Council RESOLVED to accept a 4% budget increase for 2023/24. All in favour.**

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 11.45am.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_