



Minutes agreed at the meeting held on 9th February 2021. They would be signed at the first face to face meeting of the Council.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2021 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

428/21 PRESENT

Cllrs Adam, Barker, Boswell, Mannington (in the Chair), Newton, Robertson, Stevens Tippen and Turner were present. The Clerk was also in attendance.

429/21 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Brown and Jones had given their apologies.

430/21 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021 were agreed as a true record. They would be signed at the next face to face meeting.

431/21 PARISH COUNCILLOR DETAILS

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Changes to Register of Interests

There were no changes to Cllrs Register of Interests.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation of any item on this agenda.

432/21 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

No members of the public were in attendance.

433/21 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance.

434/21 PLANNING

Planning applications within Marden Parish

20/505321/FULL – Stilebridge Caravan Site, Stilebridge Lane

Refurbishment of the existing concrete block wash-room facilities on each plot and overcladding in external wall insulation with a rendered finish. Renewal of the mains water and mains electrical services for direct billing and upgrading of the foul water drainage system. Inclusion of surface water drainage system and replacing the lighting columns
Cllrs approved the application.

20/505951/FULL – Franks Barn, Blue House, Battle Lane

Erection of a two storey rear extension

Cllrs, in principle, had no objection to extending the building. However, they felt that the highly glazed rear and side elevations were contrary to Marden Neighbourhood Plan Policy BE1 (Local Character) and Maidstone Borough Local Plan Policy DM32. Cllrs also wish MBC to note that there had been no mention of Marden Neighbourhood Plan in the planning statement.

435/21 FINANCE

Budget 2021/2022

The Clerk had circulated the updated budget following the Finance Committee meeting held on 19th January. Cllr Adam reported that the budget had been reviewed following receipt of MBC's Tax Base and confirmation of the Parish Services Scheme grant. The Finance Committee reviewed the end of year forecast to 31st March 2021 but when setting the budget also viewed 2019/20 figures due to 2020/21 not being a normal income and expenditure year. The four-year financial plan had been updated and Marden Parish Council was in a position where Income and Expenditure virtually balanced. Some changes have been made to the capital income and expenditure, although this did not affect the revenue budget. Marden Parish Council should start to receive Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money but unsure when and how much. However, there was some surplus this year due to CoVid-19 grants being received.

The target reserve figure was slightly under although is stabilised. Cllr Adam, as Chairman of Finance Committee, proposed that the budget for 2021/22 be agreed and adopted by Cllrs. All Cllrs agreed.

Precept 2021/22

Following the Finance Committee reviewing the budget and the Tax Base for the next financial year it was proposed that the Band D contribution of £74.57 would not increase. However, due to the increase in Tax Base Marden Parish Council were able to set the Precept higher than 2020/21 at £152,674.61.

Cllrs agreed to adopt the Precept of £152,674.61 and keep the Band D payments the same. The relevant paperwork would be returned to MBC before the end of the month.

436/21 INVOICES

Invoices would be deferred until next week's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57pm

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