

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT: Councillor K Flunder (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, R Alcock, C J S Atkins, G Bentley, G Bond, M Bowen, C Brady, B Cawley, S Coleman, J Davies, M A Deaville, B Emery, E Fallows, M Gledhill, T Hall, A Hart, N Hawkins, G Heath, I Herdman, T Holmes, K Hoptroff, B A Hughes, A Hulme, K J Jackson, B Johnson, J T Jones, I Lawson, L D Lea, L A Malyon, T McNicol, L Page, I Plant, H Plimley, J Porter, D Price, S E Ralphs MBE, J Redfern, T Riley, P Roberts, P Routledge, J Salt, S Scalise, D Shaw, H Sheldon MBE, L Swindlehurst, P Taylor, E Wain, R Ward, I Whitehouse, P Wilkinson, P Wood, M Worthington and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillors P Elkin and K Martin

46 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 January 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS, IF ANY (24 HOURS NOTICE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CHAIRMAN).**

The Leader welcomed Cllr Heath back to the Council and also welcomed Neil Rodgers (Executive Director – Place) following his appointment.

48 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made:-

Agenda Item	Members Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
11. Churnet Valley - Support to become an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Cllrs Fallows and Johnson	Land owners in the Churnet Valley

49 **CHAIRMAN'S OR LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, IF ANY.**

The Chairman thanked councillors (particularly Cllrs Cawley and Gledhill for their assistance) for attending his recent charity quiz night which raised approximately £700. Tickets were available for the Charity Ball to be held on 28th March 2020.

The Leader of the Council proposed that future meetings of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel take place in the evening. It was agreed by members that this change would take effect from May 2020.

50 **TO CONSIDER AND DEBATE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND COMMITTEES, IF ANY.**

50a **CABINET - 2020/21 BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2020/21 TO 2023/24**

The report presented the proposed Budget for 2020/21, updated Medium-Term Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2023/24, Capital Strategy 2020/21, proposed Fees and Charges for 2020/21 and Procurement Forward Plan 2020/21.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2014, councillors voted as follows:

Those voting **FOR**:

Councillors Aberley, Alcock, Bentley, Bond, Bowen, Davies, Deaville, Emery, Fallows, Flunder, Hall, Hart, Hawkins, Heath, Herdman, Holmes, Hughes, Hulme, Johnson, Jones, Lawson, Lea, Malyon, McNicol, Plant, Plimley, Porter, Ralphs, Redfern, Riley, Roberts, Routledge, Scalise, Shaw, Sheldon, Wain, Ward, Whitehouse and Worthington. **(39)**

ABSTENTIONS:

Councillors Atkins, Brady, Cawley, Coleman, Gledhill, Hoptroff, Jackson, Page, Price, Salt, Swindlehurst, Taylor, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates **(15)**

No councillor voted against.

RESOLVED:

1. That the General Fund Budget for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix A (section 8) be approved.
2. That the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan (2020/21 to 2023/24) as detailed in Appendix A, including the revised Capital Programme (attached at Annex A) be approved.
3. That the Capital Strategy 2020/21 as set out in Appendix B be approved.
4. That the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix C be approved.

5. That the proposed Procurement Forward Plan for 2020/21, providing the authority to procure based on procurement activity detailed in Appendix D be approved.
6. That a Band D Council Tax of £153.40 for 2020/21 (an increase of 1.9% from 2019/20) be approved.
7. That a Band D Council Tax of £52.92 for Leek and £10.64 for Biddulph for 2020/21 (an increase of 1.9% from 2019/20) in respect of Special District Expenses be approved.
8. That the Chief Finance Officer's view that the level of reserves are adequate for the Council based on this budget and the circumstances in place at the time of preparing it (Appendix A Annex E) be noted.

50b **AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

RESOLVED:

That the current Treasury Management position as at 31st December 2019 be noted.

50c **AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2020/21**

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2020/21 be approved.

51 **SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX**

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council in accordance with Sections 31A and 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011):

- (a) £30,042,339 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act. (*Gross Expenditure on General Fund Services, Special District Expenses and Parish Precepts*)
- (b) £23,162,020 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. (*Gross Income including External Financing and the Use of Reserves*)
- (c) £6,880,319 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (*Amount to be Funded from Council Tax*)
- (d) £207.08 being the amount at (c) above divided by the tax base, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31 (B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (*Average Local Council Tax*)

- (e) Appendix B being Council Tax for the SMDC District divided by the tax base plus the Parish Precept and any amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area divided the local tax base. (*Band D Charges for each Parish*)
- (f) Appendix C being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (*Charges for all Bands*)
- (g) Appendix D being the aggregate of the local charges in (f) above and the amounts levied by major precepting authorities. (*Total Council Tax charge for each Band in each Parish*)

APPENDIX B

Local Council Tax at Band D – 2020/21

Parish	£
Alstonefield	202.99
Alton	183.71
Bagnall	176.77
Biddulph	221.29
Blore	172.00
Bradnop	165.03
Brown Edge	181.23
Butterton	202.60
Caverswall	173.92
Cheadle	230.05
Checkley	194.77
Cheddleton	184.68
Consall	171.89
Cotton	209.15
Dilhome	176.06
Draycott	180.28
Endon	176.13
Farley	187.55
Fawfieldhead	197.79
Forsbrook	179.74
Grindon	181.06
Heathylee	164.43
Heaton	165.59
Hollinsclough	172.80
Horton	169.49
Ilam	172.91
Ipstones	197.61

Kingsley	185.96
Leek	234.24
Leekfrith	163.34
Longnor	198.66
Longsdon	171.13
Oakamoor	181.12
Onecote	184.41
Quarnford	174.23
Rushton	167.74
Sheen	174.70
Tittesworth	174.40
Warslow	204.78
Waterhouses	196.62
Werrington	205.84
Wetton	191.68
Whiston	182.71

APPENDIX C

Local Council Tax All Bands – 2020/21

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alstonefield	135.33	157.88	180.44	202.99	248.10	293.21	338.32	405.98
Alton	122.48	142.88	163.30	183.71	224.54	265.36	306.19	367.42
Bagnall	117.85	137.49	157.13	176.77	216.05	255.34	294.62	353.54
Biddulph	147.53	172.12	196.71	221.29	270.46	319.64	368.82	442.58
Blore	114.67	133.78	152.89	172.00	210.22	248.45	286.67	344.00
Bradnop	110.02	128.36	146.70	165.03	201.70	238.38	275.05	330.06
Brown Edge	120.82	140.96	161.10	181.23	221.50	261.78	302.05	362.46
Butterton	135.07	157.58	180.09	202.60	247.62	292.65	337.67	405.20
Caverswall	115.95	135.27	154.60	173.92	212.57	251.22	289.87	347.84
Cheadle	153.37	178.93	204.49	230.05	281.17	332.30	383.42	460.10
Checkley	129.85	151.49	173.13	194.77	238.05	281.34	324.62	389.54
Cheddleton	123.12	143.64	164.16	184.68	225.72	266.76	307.80	369.36
Consall	114.60	133.69	152.80	171.89	210.09	248.29	286.49	343.78
Cotton	139.44	162.67	185.92	209.15	255.63	302.11	348.59	418.30
Dilhome	117.38	136.93	156.50	176.06	215.19	254.31	293.44	352.12
Draycott	120.19	140.22	160.25	180.28	220.34	260.41	300.47	360.56
Endon	117.42	136.99	156.56	176.13	215.27	254.41	293.55	352.26
Farley	125.04	145.87	166.72	187.55	229.23	270.91	312.59	375.10
Fawfieldhead	131.86	153.84	175.82	197.79	241.74	285.70	329.65	395.58
Forsbrook	119.83	139.80	159.77	179.74	219.68	259.63	299.57	359.48
Grindon	120.71	140.82	160.95	181.06	221.30	261.53	301.77	362.12
Heathylee	109.62	127.89	146.16	164.43	200.97	237.51	274.05	328.86
Heaton	110.40	128.79	147.20	165.59	202.39	239.19	275.99	331.18
Hollinsclough	115.20	134.40	153.60	172.80	211.20	249.60	288.00	345.60
Horton	113.00	131.82	150.66	169.49	207.16	244.82	282.49	338.98
llam	115.28	134.48	153.70	172.91	211.34	249.76	288.19	345.82

Ipstones	131.74	153.70	175.66	197.61	241.52	285.44	329.35	395.22
Kingsley	123.98	144.63	165.30	185.96	227.29	268.61	309.94	371.92
Leek	156.16	182.19	208.22	234.24	286.29	338.35	390.40	468.48
Leekfrith	108.90	127.04	145.20	163.34	199.64	235.94	272.24	326.68
Longnor	132.44	154.51	176.59	198.66	242.81	286.96	331.10	397.32
Longsdon	114.09	133.10	152.12	171.13	209.16	247.19	285.22	342.26
Oakamoor	120.75	140.87	161.00	181.12	221.37	261.62	301.87	362.24
Onecote	122.94	143.43	163.92	184.41	225.39	266.37	307.35	368.82
Quarnford	116.16	135.51	154.88	174.23	212.95	251.67	290.39	348.46
Rushton	111.83	130.46	149.11	167.74	205.02	242.29	279.57	335.48
Sheen	116.47	135.88	155.29	174.70	213.52	252.35	291.17	349.40
Tittesworth	116.27	135.64	155.03	174.40	213.16	251.91	290.67	348.80
Warslow	136.52	159.27	182.03	204.78	250.29	295.80	341.30	409.56
Waterhouses	131.08	152.93	174.78	196.62	240.31	284.01	327.70	393.24
Werrington	137.23	160.10	182.97	205.84	251.58	297.33	343.07	411.68
Wetton	127.79	149.08	170.39	191.68	234.28	276.87	319.47	383.36
Whiston	121.81	142.11	162.41	182.71	223.31	263.92	304.52	365.42

APPENDIX D

Total Council Tax – 2020/21

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alstonefield	1,200.85	1,400.99	1,601.14	1,801.27	2,201.55	2,601.84	3,002.12	3,602.54
Alton	1,188.00	1,385.99	1,584.00	1,781.99	2,177.99	2,573.99	2,969.99	3,563.98
Bagnall	1,183.37	1,380.60	1,577.83	1,775.05	2,169.50	2,563.97	2,958.42	3,550.10
Biddulph	1,213.05	1,415.23	1,617.41	1,819.57	2,223.91	2,628.27	3,032.62	3,639.14
Blore	1,180.19	1,376.89	1,573.59	1,770.28	2,163.67	2,557.08	2,950.47	3,540.56
Bradnop	1,175.54	1,371.47	1,567.40	1,763.31	2,155.15	2,547.01	2,938.85	3,526.62
Brown Edge	1,186.34	1,384.07	1,581.80	1,779.51	2,174.95	2,570.41	2,965.85	3,559.02
Butterton	1,200.59	1,400.69	1,600.79	1,800.88	2,201.07	2,601.28	3,001.47	3,601.76
Caverswall	1,181.47	1,378.38	1,575.30	1,772.20	2,166.02	2,559.85	2,953.67	3,544.40
Cheadle	1,218.89	1,422.04	1,625.19	1,828.33	2,234.62	2,640.93	3,047.22	3,656.66
Checkley	1,195.37	1,394.60	1,593.83	1,793.05	2,191.50	2,589.97	2,988.42	3,586.10
Cheddleton	1,188.64	1,386.75	1,584.86	1,782.96	2,179.17	2,575.39	2,971.60	3,565.92
Consall	1,180.12	1,376.80	1,573.50	1,770.17	2,163.54	2,556.92	2,950.29	3,540.34
Cotton	1,204.96	1,405.78	1,606.62	1,807.43	2,209.08	2,610.74	3,012.39	3,614.86
Dilhorne	1,182.90	1,380.04	1,577.20	1,774.34	2,168.64	2,562.94	2,957.24	3,548.68
Draycott	1,185.71	1,383.33	1,580.95	1,778.56	2,173.79	2,569.04	2,964.27	3,557.12
Endon	1,182.94	1,380.10	1,577.26	1,774.41	2,168.72	2,563.04	2,957.35	3,548.82
Farley	1,190.56	1,388.98	1,587.42	1,785.83	2,182.68	2,579.54	2,976.39	3,571.66
Fawfieldhead	1,197.38	1,396.95	1,596.52	1,796.07	2,195.19	2,594.33	2,993.45	3,592.14
Forsbrook	1,185.35	1,382.91	1,580.47	1,778.02	2,173.13	2,568.26	2,963.37	3,556.04
Grindon	1,186.23	1,383.93	1,581.65	1,779.34	2,174.75	2,570.16	2,965.57	3,558.68
Heathylee	1,175.14	1,371.00	1,566.86	1,762.71	2,154.42	2,546.14	2,937.85	3,525.42
Heaton	1,175.92	1,371.90	1,567.90	1,763.87	2,155.84	2,547.82	2,939.79	3,527.74
Hollinsclough	1,180.72	1,377.51	1,574.30	1,771.08	2,164.65	2,558.23	2,951.80	3,542.16
Horton	1,178.52	1,374.93	1,571.36	1,767.77	2,160.61	2,553.45	2,946.29	3,535.54
Ilam	1,180.80	1,377.59	1,574.40	1,771.19	2,164.79	2,558.39	2,951.99	3,542.38

Ipstones	1,197.26	1,396.81	1,596.36	1,795.89	2,194.97	2,594.07	2,993.15	3,591.78
Kingsley	1,189.50	1,387.74	1,586.00	1,784.24	2,180.74	2,577.24	2,973.74	3,568.48
Leek	1,221.68	1,425.30	1,628.92	1,832.52	2,239.74	2,646.98	3,054.20	3,665.04
Leekfrith	1,174.42	1,370.15	1,565.90	1,761.62	2,153.09	2,544.57	2,936.04	3,523.24
Longnor	1,197.96	1,397.62	1,597.29	1,796.94	2,196.26	2,595.59	2,994.90	3,593.88
Longsdon	1,179.61	1,376.21	1,572.82	1,769.41	2,162.61	2,555.82	2,949.02	3,538.82
Oakamoor	1,186.27	1,383.98	1,581.70	1,779.40	2,174.82	2,570.25	2,965.67	3,558.80
Onecote	1,188.46	1,386.54	1,584.62	1,782.69	2,178.84	2,575.00	2,971.15	3,565.38
Quarnford	1,181.68	1,378.62	1,575.58	1,772.51	2,166.40	2,560.30	2,954.19	3,545.02
Rushton	1,177.35	1,373.57	1,569.81	1,766.02	2,158.47	2,550.92	2,943.37	3,532.04
Sheen	1,181.99	1,378.99	1,575.99	1,772.98	2,166.97	2,560.98	2,954.97	3,545.96
Tittesworth	1,181.79	1,378.75	1,575.73	1,772.68	2,166.61	2,560.54	2,954.47	3,545.36
Warslow	1,202.04	1,402.38	1,602.73	1,803.06	2,203.74	2,604.43	3,005.10	3,606.12
Waterhouses	1,196.60	1,396.04	1,595.48	1,794.90	2,193.76	2,592.64	2,991.50	3,589.80
Werrington	1,202.75	1,403.21	1,603.67	1,804.12	2,205.03	2,605.96	3,006.87	3,608.24
Wetton	1,193.31	1,392.19	1,591.09	1,789.96	2,187.73	2,585.50	2,983.27	3,579.92
Whiston	1,187.33	1,385.22	1,583.11	1,780.99	2,176.76	2,572.55	2,968.32	3,561.98

52 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/2021**

RESOLVED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2020/2021 be approved.

53 **NOTICES OF MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE NO. 8, IF ANY.**

54 **CHURNET VALLEY - SUPPORT TO BECOME AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY - COUNCILLOR J. ABERLEY**

“As everyone in this room should be aware, the Churnet Valley is one of the most important features of our district. Not only does it provide a unique environment for bio-diversity, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations for visitors to the Staffordshire Moorlands. Following the Glover report published in 2019, the Churnet Valley is one of three areas in the country that the Government have stated have made persuasive cases to deserve further consideration to gain support to become an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

To support the case, I would like to propose that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, follows the example set by the Leader, and by our MP Karen Bradley in re-affirming our full support for the status, and to send a supportive letter from this council to the Churnet Valley Conservation Society to go into the next round of documents submitted to the Government to signify that there is support across the full district for the designation.”

Having been **SECONDED**, upon being put to the vote, the **PROPOSAL** was **CARRIED** unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That Staffordshire Moorlands District Council re-affirms its full support for the status of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the Churnet Valley and that a supportive letter be sent by the Council to the Churnet Valley Conservation Society to go into the next round of documents submitted to the Government to signify that there is support across the full district for the designation.

TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10, IF ANY.**1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment received from Councillor Price:**

"Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's currently charges residents £31 each for new recycling bins. This charge is levied if someone moves to a new home where there are no bins provided, or if they currently have a smaller 140 litre bin and want and are entitled to a larger 240 litre bin. Can the portfolio holder please confirm the total revenue generated from this charge in the last year?"

Response:

"A charge of £31 per bin is currently levied for a new or replacement wheeled bin, be it for general rubbish, recycling or organic waste, in 2018-19 this charge was £30.75 per bin. In 2018-19, £14,833 of income was generated through fees levied for new or replacement bins. In 2019-20 to date, we have generated £12,828.50 through these charges.

The charge levied to customers reflects the costs incurred by the Council in regards to supply and delivery of a bin. In December, the Council made a decision to alter the way it will in future collect paper from homes. From Monday 30th March, residents will be able to place paper in their grey bin rather than presenting it in a reusable bag as they do now. As a result of these changes, we have committed to provide a free of charge larger recycling bin to those properties who regularly fill their existing bin, ensuring that as a result of these changes we are not financially inconveniencing residents."

2. Question to the Leader of the Council received from Councillor Price:

"Can we please have an update on the progress of the consultation regarding the proposed changes to Leek Trestle Market, as promised at the January 2020 Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel?"

Response:

"We are now at the stage of looking at the design and costing of the proposed new stalls. The consultation process will then follow normal procedures, such as meeting with existing traders, possible new traders, reports to Cabinet, relevant scrutiny panels etc." In response to supplementary questions the Leader of the Council confirmed that current and potential stakeholders of the hall would be included in the consultation and that the Council was not intending to sell the Market Hall.

3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Communities received from Councillor Atkins:

"What repairs to the roof and other areas are being carried out at the Daisy Haye development in Leek? What are the costs and are they covered by the builders' warranty? What compensation may adversely affected residents claim and from whom?"

Response:

“Following the issue of the roof at Daisy Haye being raised by Cllr Atkins at an Overview & Scrutiny meeting last year I raised the issue at the Ascent Board and as a result the Board gets regular updates on progress.

Problems associated with the roof covering at Daisy Haye have been experienced since its handover from the contractor. Whilst ensuring the welfare and safety of individual residents is maintained, YHG is also continuing to communicate with the on-site care provider, HICA to ensure the maintenance of care provision more generally.

A structural investigation was completed in line with the requirements of insurers and a scheme to rectify the issues was agreed. The works include the complete replacement of the roof. The tender was completed for the main contractor and work has commenced on site. A temporary roof structure will be erected over the building as the roof is replaced.

Arrangements have been made to decant residents while work to the roof is undertaken above their apartments. This is phased and limited to the top floor residents.

The other issues with regard to the costs and compensation are matters of a confidential nature but if there are any specific questions from residents then I am more than happy to take them up with Your Housing in order to get them a response.” In response to supplementary questions the Portfolio Holder stated that the costs of the refurbishment would be included in the warranty, that he would contact Your Housing Group with regards to details of other properties built by the contractor to establish if there were further issues and that he would also take up tenants queries on their behalf and ask for a dedicated number from Your Housing for tenants requiring to claim compensation.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

_____Chairman_____Date