



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 7.15 pm via Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor E Kelly (Chair)

Councillors R Abbotts, T Ashton, R Atkins, R Baker, A Barrow, E Burton, J Collins, O Cross, J Douglas, L Dowson, C Farrell, S Gardner, D Greenhalgh, L Grooby, J Haken, M Hall, P Hardy, I Huddleston, T Kemp, D Kerr, E Lawson, D Lomax, E Longden, A McKeown, R McKeown, G Oakley, J Perkins, R Quinn, P Roberts, K Savage, E Siddall, K Sizeland, F Sloman, K Thomson, S Thomson, E Thrane, J Todd, G Wharmby, J Wharmby and S Young

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Flower and M Stone

20/48 FORMER COUNCILLOR DAVID MELLOR
(Agenda Item)

The Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor David Mellor who had recently passed away.

20/49 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL
(Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Greenhalgh declared an other interest in item 6a - 2021/22 Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan (Employer receives a Council grant).

20/50 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 3)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

The motion was carried and the Mayor was authorised to sign the minutes.

20/51 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Agenda Item 4)

The Mayor extended his thanks to members of the health and voluntary sector communities for the delivery of vaccinations across the High Peak.

20/52 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(Agenda Item 5)

1. Question received from Councillor Haken for the Leader of the Council:

“If a sitting councillor was found to be falsely and fraudulently misrepresenting their expenses with an intention to obtain a pecuniary advantage, would the Council seek to allow the Councillor to pay back some monies wrongly claimed and quietly resign from the Council with a confidentiality agreement?”

Response:

“Any complaint regarding an alleged breach of their Code of Conduct by a councillor would be considered in accordance with the Council’s agreed arrangements for dealing with standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011. If it were concluded that there is evidence on the part of the councillor of a failure to comply with the Council’s Code of Conduct then there are a number of limited sanctions available to the Standards Committee (to which these matters are delegated within the Council’s Constitution). These include to:

- Censure or reprimand the member.
- Publish its findings in respect of the member’s conduct.
- Report its findings to Council, or to the Parish Council, for information.
- Recommend to the member’s Group Leader (or in the case of ungrouped members, recommend to Council or to Committees) that he/she be removed from any or all Committees or Sub-Committees of the Council.
- Recommend to the Leader of the Council that the member be removed from the Executive, or removed from particular Portfolio responsibilities
- Instruct the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for the member.
- Remove the member from all outside appointments to which he/she has been appointed or nominated by the authority.
- Withdraw facilities provided to the member by the Council, such as a computer, website and/or email and Internet access.
- Exclude the member from the Council’s offices or other premises, with the exception of meeting rooms as necessary for attending Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings.”

In response to a supplementary question the Leader of the Council stated that all matters were open for discussion unless classed as exempt and that the same standards applied to officers as well as members.

2. Question received from Councillor Haken for the Leader of the Council:

“Recently there has been activity on land at Adderley Place in Simmondley, where a team of surveyors have been taking core samples of the soil at several points on the site. Will the Executive member inform me tonight if

there are any imminent plans to proceed with development on this last open space in Simmondley?”

Response:

“In October 2016, following the adoption of the local plan, the executive of the previous administration agreed and supported the creation of an accelerated housing programme.

The Accelerated Housing Delivery Programme identifies four Council owned sites that are allocated for residential development in the High Peak Local Plan, adopted in 2016. These sites are:

- Adderley Place, Glossop
- Roughfields, Padfield Main Road
- Paradise Street, Hadfield
- Melandra Castle Road, Gamesley

The Council is looking at how best the sites might be brought to market. To help consider the Council’s options, we have commissioned specialist surveys to understand topography, ground conditions and other site constraints that might impact on housing delivery.

Residential use on all four sites has been agreed in principle through allocation for housing in the Local Plan. At this time there are no outline or confirmed proposals for any of these sites, and any future proposals for these sites would need to meet and satisfy the requirements of the planning process including full public consultation.”

In response to a supplementary question the Leader of the Council stated that the intention was that the sites referred to should be able to be developed without the need to purchase additional land. At this point in time it would be difficult to see that the Council would need to use compulsory purchase powers, however, should this be required it would be reported to Council and discussed fully before doing so.

20/53 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE
(Agenda Item 6)

20/54 2021/22 BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22 TO 2024/25
(Agenda Item 6a)

It was moved by Councillor Barrow and seconded by Councillor A McKeown that Council:

1. Approves the General Fund Budget for 2021/22 as detailed in **Appendix A (section 9)**.
2. Approves the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan (2021/22 to 2024/25) as detailed in **Appendix A**, including the revised Capital Programme (attached at Annex A).

3. Approves the Capital Strategy 2021/22 as set out in **Appendix B.**
4. Approves the updated Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Forecast as detailed in **Appendix A (Annex F).**
5. Approves the proposed Fees and Charges for 2021/22 as detailed in **Appendix C.**
6. Approves the proposed Procurement Forward Plan for 2021/22, providing the authority to procure based on procurement activity detailed in **Appendix D.**
7. A Band D Council Tax of £200.40 for 2021/22 (an increase of 2.56% or £5 from 2020/21).
8. HRA charges as follows:
 - Dwellings rents to increase by an average of 1.66% from £71.45 to £72.64 average per week (*average rent takes into account new tenancies where formula rent is charged*).
 - Garage rents to be increased by 5% from £7.13 to £7.49 average per week.
 - Other Charges including service charges to increase by a maximum of 5%.
 - Fuel charges at individual blocks have been reviewed and the 2021/22 charge is based on the 2020/21 estimated costs and 2019/20 actual fuel usage/prices, charged on an individual scheme basis.
9. Notes 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 D.**)

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, councillors voted as follows with regard to the recommendations provided within the report. Due to concerns expressed by some councillors with regards to revised Medium Term Financial Plan the following recorded votes were taken:

Recorded vote - all report recommendations, save the revised Medium Term Financial Plan:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
ABBOTTS, R		
ASHTON, A		
ATKINS, R		
BAKER, R		
BARROW, A		
COLLINS, J		

CROSS, O		
DOUGLAS, J		
DOWSON, L		
FARRELL, C		
GARDNER, S		
GREENHALGH, D		
GROOBY, L		
HAKEN, J		
HALL, M		
HARDY, P		
HUDDLESTONE, I		
KELLY, E		
KEMP, T		
KERR, D		
LAWSON, E		
LOMAX, D		
LONGDEN, E		
MCKEOWN, A		
MCKEOWN, R		
OAKLEY, G		
PERKINS, J		
QUINN, R		
ROBERTS, P		
SAVAGE, K		
SIDDALL, E		
SIZELAND, K		
SLOMAN, F		
THOMSON, K		
THOMSON, S		
THRANE, E		
TODD, J		
WHARMBY, G		
WHARMBY, J		
YOUNG, S		

Recorded vote - revised Medium Term Financial Plan:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
ABBOTTS, R	ASHTON, A	COLLINS, J
BAKER, R	ATKINS, R	FARRELL, C
BARROW, A	BURTON, E	LOMAX, D
CROSS, O	DOUGLAS, J	LONGDEN, E
DOWSON, L	GROOBY, L	
GARDNER, S	HAKEN, J	
GREENHALGH, D	HARDY, P	
HALL, M	KEMP, T	
HUDDLESTONE, I	LAWSON, E	
KELLY, E	PERKINS, J	
KERR, D	ROBERTS, P	
MCKEOWN, A	SIZELAND, K	
MCKEOWN, R	THRANE, E	

OAKLEY, G	WHARMBY, G	
QUINN, R	WHARMBY, J	
SAVAGE, K	YOUNG, S	
SIDDALL, E		
SLOMAN, F		
THOMSON, K		
THOMSON, S		
TODD, J		

All recommendations were therefore declared carried, and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/55 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 7)

The following motions were moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Cross:

20/56 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2019/20
(Agenda Item 7a)

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2019/20 be approved.

20/57 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATES
(Agenda Item 7b)

RESOLVED:

That the Treasury Management Updates be noted.

20/57a AUDIT PLAN - EXTERNAL AUDIT
(Agenda Item 7c)

RESOLVED:

That the Audit Plan be noted.

20/57b 2021/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
(Agenda Item 7d)

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2021/22 be approved.

20/58 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR 2021/22

(Agenda Item 7e)

RESOLVED:

That the Council's previous decision to invite the Conservative Group to make a nomination for the appointment of Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2021/22 be reaffirmed.

20/59 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 8)

20/60 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

(Agenda Item 8a)

It was moved by Councillor Sloman and seconded by Councillor Perkins that the Council approves the Council's Licensing Policy 2021-26.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/61 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 9)

20/62 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

(Agenda Item 9a)

It was moved by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Standards Committee Annual Report be noted.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/63 TO SET THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 APRIL 2021

(Agenda Item 10)

It was moved by Councillor Barrow and seconded by Councillor A. McKeown 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) £44,917,490 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, and Parish Precepts)**
- (b) £38,036,950 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) £6,880,540 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) £222.64 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 HPBC Borough 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 – 2021/22

(Total of the Borough charge plus the named Town or Parish Council)

Parish	Borough & Parish
Bamford with Thornhill	£221.56
Brough & Shatton	£200.40
Buxton, Hadfield & Glossop	£200.40
Castleton	£234.82
Chapel-en-le-Frith	£254.40
Charlesworth	£212.29
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside	£251.84
Chisworth	£231.94
Derwent & Hope Woodlands	£214.62
Edale	£238.63
Hartington Upper Quarter	£236.25
Hayfield	£248.80
Hope With Aston	£217.75
King Sterndale	£200.40
New Mills	£270.28
Peak Forest	£264.16
Tintwistle	£235.78
Whaley Bridge	£242.17
Wormhill and Green Fairfield	£211.67

APPENDIX D

Total Council Tax – 2021/22

(Total of the Borough, County, Police and Fire Service charges plus the named Town or Parish Council)

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bamford with Thornhill	1,283.68	1,497.61	1,711.55	1,925.50	2,353.39	2,781.28	3,209.18	3,851.00
Brough & Shatton	1,269.57	1,481.15	1,692.74	1,904.34	2,327.53	2,750.72	3,173.91	3,808.68
Buxton, Hadfield & Glossop	1,269.57	1,481.15	1,692.74	1,904.34	2,327.53	2,750.72	3,173.91	3,808.68
Castleton	1,292.52	1,507.92	1,723.34	1,938.76	2,369.60	2,800.44	3,231.28	3,877.52
Chapel-en-le-Frith	1,305.57	1,523.15	1,740.74	1,958.34	2,393.53	2,828.72	3,263.91	3,916.68
Charlesworth	1,277.50	1,490.40	1,703.31	1,916.23	2,342.06	2,767.89	3,193.73	3,832.46
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside	1,303.86	1,521.16	1,738.46	1,955.78	2,390.40	2,825.02	3,259.64	3,911.56
Chisworth	1,290.60	1,505.68	1,720.78	1,935.88	2,366.08	2,796.28	3,226.48	3,871.76
Derwent & Hope Woodlands	1,279.05	1,492.21	1,705.38	1,918.56	2,344.91	2,771.26	3,197.61	3,837.12
Edale	1,295.06	1,510.88	1,726.72	1,942.57	2,374.26	2,805.94	3,237.63	3,885.14
Hartington Upper Quarter	1,293.47	1,509.03	1,724.61	1,940.19	2,371.35	2,802.50	3,233.66	3,880.38
Hayfield	1,301.84	1,518.79	1,735.76	1,952.74	2,386.69	2,820.63	3,254.58	3,905.48
Hope With Aston	1,281.14	1,494.64	1,708.16	1,921.69	2,348.74	2,775.78	3,202.83	3,843.38
King Sterndale	1,269.57	1,481.15	1,692.74	1,904.34	2,327.53	2,750.72	3,173.91	3,808.68
New Mills	1,316.16	1,535.50	1,754.86	1,974.22	2,412.94	2,851.66	3,290.38	3,948.44
Peak Forest	1,312.08	1,530.74	1,749.42	1,968.10	2,405.46	2,842.82	3,280.18	3,936.20
Tintwistle	1,293.16	1,508.67	1,724.19	1,939.72	2,370.77	2,801.82	3,232.88	3,879.44
Whaley Bridge	1,297.42	1,513.64	1,729.87	1,946.11	2,378.58	2,811.05	3,243.53	3,892.22
Wormhill and Green Fairfield	1,277.08	1,489.92	1,702.76	1,915.61	2,341.30	2,767.00	3,192.69	3,831.22

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/64 NOTICES OF MOTION
 (Agenda Item 11)

20/65 CLIMATE CHANGE INVESTMENTS - CLLR J. COLLINS
 (Agenda Item 11a)

It was moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Lomax that the Council resolves to:

- Cease investing in companies involved directly or indirectly with the fossil fuel industry.
- Add a clear statement to their published strategy, at the next review date, regarding their approach to investments at risk from climate change, including those at risk due to the actions of other investors and governments.

- Draw up a plan to replace HPBC's investment funds which include environmentally harmful investments with investment funds that have positive societal and environmental benefits, by September 2021
- Replace HPBC's environmentally harmful investments and funds which include them with investments that have positive societal and environmental benefits, towards achieving a portfolio of assets with net zero carbon emissions by 2025
- Explore non-financial investments, such as in renewable energy generation
- Include risks associated with specific types of investment, such as in extractive industries, in its risk assessments
- Include progress on Environmental, Social and Governance investing in regular reports to the Audit and Regulatory Committee.
- Write to the Derbyshire Pensions and Investment Committee requesting that they divest pension funds from investment funds that include fossil fuels by 2025

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Barrow that the Council resolves to:

- Develop a plan by September 2021 to cease investing in companies involved directly or indirectly with the fossil fuel industry.
- Add a clear statement to their published strategy, at the next review date, regarding their approach to investments at risk from climate change, including those at risk due to the actions of other investors and governments.
- Draw up a plan to replace HPBC's investment funds which include environmentally harmful investments with investment funds that have positive societal and environmental benefits, by September 2021
- Replace HPBC's environmentally harmful investments and funds which include them with investments that have positive societal and environmental benefits, towards achieving a portfolio of assets with net zero carbon emissions by 2025 (with consideration of the council's Treasury Management Strategy and principals around security, liquidity and yield priorities when investing funds).
- Explore non-financial investments, such as in renewable energy generation
- Include risks associated with specific types of investment, such as in extractive industries, in its risk assessments
- Include progress on Environmental, Social and Governance investing in regular reports to the Audit and Regulatory Committee.
- Write to the Derbyshire Pensions and Investment Committee requesting that they divest pension funds from investment funds that include fossil fuels by 2025.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/66 CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL - CLLR C. FARRELL
 (Agenda Item 11b)

It was moved by Councillor Farrell and seconded by Councillor Lomax that this Council welcomes the re-arranged COP26 due to take place in Glasgow in November 2021 but calls upon the Government to implement the following:

Through the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill before Parliament develop an emergency strategy that:

- the UK government takes a lead consistent with limiting global temperature to a maximum of 1.5 degrees Celsius rise above pre-industrial levels;
- ensures that all the UKs consumption emissions are accounted for both here and abroad and includes aviation and shipping;
- protects and restores bio-diverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
- restores and regenerates the UKs bio-diverse habitats coupled with land management of soil and trees in order to help the carbon sink;
- invests in technology that aims to reduce our environmental impact in all spheres of life.

The Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
2. Write to our MP asking him to support the Bill on behalf of the people of High Peak.

Councillors voted as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
ABBOTTS, R		ASHTON, A
ATKINS, R		BURTON, E
BAKER, R		DOUGLAS, J
BARROW, A		GROOBY, L
COLLINS, J		HAKEN, J
CROSS, O		HARDY, P
DOWSON, L		KEMP, T
FARRELL, C		LAWSON, E
GARDNER, S		PERKINS, J
GREENHALGH, D		ROBERTS, P
HALL, M		SIZELAND, K
HUDDLESTONE, I		THRANE, E
KELLY, E		WHARMBY, G
KERR, D		WHARMBY, J
LOMAX, D		YOUNG, S
LONGDEN, E		
MCKEOWN, A		

MCKEOWN, R		
OAKLEY, G		
QUINN, R		
SAVAGE, K		
SIDDALL, E		
SLOMAN, F		
THOMSON, K		
THOMSON, S		
TODD, J		

The motion was therefore declared carried, and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

MAYOR