

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF
THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2017
IN THE TOWN HALL, WOODSTOCK.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mrs T Redpath (Mayor)
Cllr. J Cooper
Cllr. U Parkinson
Cllr. P Redpath

Cllr. F Collingwood
Cllr. P Jay
Cllr. S Rasch
Cllr. E Stokes

WTC166/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs A Grant, S Parnes, E Poskitt and B Yoxall.

WTC167/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr J Cooper

Item 7 Budget 2018-19 (iv) pecuniary as he is a member of Woodstock Youth Club Committee

WTC168/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

None

WTC169/17 QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

WTC170/17 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER – OCTOBER 2017:

The list of payments for October were received.

RESOLVED: WTC unanimously agreed to approve the payments totalling £71,965.62 made in the month of October 2017.

The bank reconciliation statements for October 2017 were considered. Cllr Collingwood recommended that £30,000 be transferred from the Unity Bank account into the Barclays account as it is over the indemnity limit.

RESOLVED: WTC unanimously agreed for £30,000 to be transferred from the Unity Bank account into the Barclays account as recommended.

The summary and detailed income & expenditure statements for October 2017 were discussed and two points were raised by Cllr Collingwood. The first point related to the Town Hall Routine Maintenance (4200) already being £310 over budget and the second point in relation to the variance on the Public Works Loan Repayment as this was paid a month early.

RESOLVED: WTC agreed that the Responsible Financial Officer would interrogate the expenditure within the Town Hall Routine Maintenance budget and ensure no further payments authorised without first consulting Council for approval.

No comments were made in relation to the Internal Controls and they were considered satisfactory.

WTC171/17 BUDGET 2018-19

Cllr Collingwood (CMfF) presented the report on the budget for 2018-19. At the outset it was agreed that the budget would be set first and the grants allocated after to enable Council to have a realistic view of how much money would be remaining for allocation to the applicants. The potential cost for removal of the poplar trees and work required on the riverbanks have had an impact on the budget.

Cllr Jay thanked Cllr Collingwood and the Financial Assistant for their hard work on preparing and presenting the report.

Initial bids received totalled £83,000, within paragraph 12 of the report Cllr Collingwood proposed to adjust a number of the bids. After some discussion it was agreed to remove the bid for the centre bed at the Lawn Cemetery as the work had already been completed by Green Gym and allocate the £300 toward maintenance of the OWL Extension.

RESOLVED: WTC agreed unanimously to the following proposals:

- adopts the budget subject to the reductions agreed at the meeting as shown in paragraph 12 above and shown in Budget 2018/9 post cuts and to include the above amendment.
- to continue the review of the recurring expenditure in paragraph 10 and if necessary change suppliers.

Cllr Jay proposed which was seconded by Cllr Rasch to reduce the precept by £5,000 per year for the next five years which would reflect on the amount of money held in reserve.

VOTE: For: 3 Against: 5

RESOLVED: The motion was lost and therefore there will be no change to the precept and it will remain at £100,000 for 2018-19 budget year.

Cllr Collingwood proposed which was seconded by Cllr Cooper to not approve the budget for 2019-20 and beyond but to update the information and present the revised version at the December Town Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: Unanimous vote in favour and the motion was carried.

Cllr Cooper proposed which was seconded by Cllr T Redpath not to increase the hire charges for the Town Hall and Community Centre in 2018-19 as once the new Youth Club and St Hughs of Lincoln Church offer their facilities for hire there will be more competition.

RESOLVED: Unanimous vote in favour and the motion was carried.

The grant applications were considered and Council agreed to allocate the £2,000 available as indicated below:-

Woodstock Youth Club - £800 Proposed by Cllr P Redpath and seconded by Cllr Cooper

A named vote was requested.

VOTE: For: Cllrs J Cooper, P Jay, T Redpath, U Parkinson, P Redpath & E Stokes
Against: Cllr F Collingwood

RESOLVED: WTC to award Woodstock Youth Club £800.

Old Woodstock Football Club Youth Team £200 Proposed by Cllr T Redpath and seconded by
Cllr Stokes

RESOLVED: WTC agreed unanimously to award £200 to Old Woodstock Football Club Youth Team.

Cllr T Redpath proposed the following allocation of the remaining £1,000 grant funding.

Woodstock Carnival	£250	unanimously agreed by WTC
Woodstock Scout & Brownie Hut	£550	unanimously agreed by WTC
Clean Slate	£50	unanimously agreed by WTC
Volunteer Link Up	£50	unanimously agreed by WTC
Citizens Advice	£100	unanimously agreed by WTC

The meeting closed at 22.04hrs