



# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2020  
Held Virtually - Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:**

**Parish Clerk** Jo Keeler

**Councillors**

Kieran Cooper (Chair)

Beck Laxton

Jayne Merrick

Tony Orgee

Kevin Cuffley

Brian Milnes

David Bard

Sue Whitney

Rajni Padia

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Colin Groves

**2 TIMEBANK**

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained he had a meeting with the Clerk, Timebank Coordinator and Timebank to discuss the future of Sawston Timebank.

Cambridge County Council will not be match funding the Timebank for the Coordinator so we would need to find other funding.

Councillor Beck Laxton explained we should look at how many members there are etc and calculate how much money it costs us per head.

The Timebank coordinator has more people to sign up but the events/meetings have slowed down because of Covid. The County Council believe that all Timebanks will be critical post Covid and we have had positive feedback from them regarding Sawston Timebank.

This was discussed and it was felt we should continue with the Timebank but we need to agree how we are going to fund it.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard **TO RECOMMEND TO FULL** that we continue with the scheme, continue to look for alternative funding for another 12 months (from June next year) and guarantee any lost income for that year.

**VOTE: 9 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**3 PRECEPT 2021/22**

Councillor Kieran Cooper then explained that previously we were not happy with the information we received regarding calculating next years precept.

Councillor Brian Milnes explained he has spoken to SCDC regarding our previous query about the amount of houses and the tax base, and realised that the impact of

the number of new housing to what we have now is relatively small so recommend we continue with the precept we have already calculated.

Councillor Kieran Cooper explained that the business rates for Lynton Way pavilion have been previously omitted and needed to be included. The clerk confirmed £4k for 2021/2022 but also explained she was investigating this as we haven't budgeted for it in the past. It was agreed that we do not include Lynton Way business rates (as more information is needed) and if we do have to pay in 2021/2022 then we take the money from reserves.

Councillor Kieran Cooper then explained that as the Masterplan meeting the previous night, it was discussed if we should have a budget for the Masterplan to do development work on projects - drawing up designs etc. This was discussed and it was agreed to bring any items to Full Parish for approval as and when needed and to take the money from reserves.

Councillor David Bard asked about a budget for future work on the Lynton Way pavilion which was discussed but felt that we should look at funding maybe next financial year.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard **TO RECOMMEND TO FULL** that the Parish Precept for 2021 / 22 should be £345,921 which is a Band D equivalent of £136.39 and is an increase of 2.6% on the previous year.

**VOTE: 9 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

None

Councillor Kieran Cooper thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**Meeting closed 7.58pm**