

BIDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL ON 16 JANUARY 2023 STARTING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Thorne (Chairman) and
Councillors Hawksfield, Moore, Mrs Summers, and Mrs Vidler

In Attendance – Neil Harris (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Shepherdson.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Moore disclosed that he was Member of the Cricket Club.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2022

It was **Agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022

There were no matters arising.

5. Payment List

It was **Agreed** that the following payments set out below be approved: -

Name	Reason Invoice No.	Net	VAT	Gross
Ashdown Garden Services	Garden Maintenance, Hedge Cutting and Top soiling goalmouth	625.00	0.00	625.00
NPower	December Invoice	106.77	5.34	112.11

It was further **Agreed** that the Clerk be authorised to make the monthly payment to Npower and report to the next Council meeting, to avoid a late payment of the invoice.

6. Council Budget and Precept

The Council considered the report of the Clerk detailing the budget, the precept, the charge to residents and the level of reserves.

It was **Agreed**

(1) That the charge to residents remain the same as 2022/23 at £128.58 for a Band D property.

(2) That the precept for 2022/23 be set at £71970.

(3) That the projected budget for 2022/23 as presented to the Council be noted

(4) That the budget for 2023/24 as presented to the Council be approved.

(5) That the projected level of reserves at the current date for the end of the financial year as presented to the Council be approved but that it be noted that it could be subject to change if the projected budget for 2022/23 varies by the end of the financial year.

(6) That the level of reserves for the financial year 2023/24 as based on the current projection for the end of 2022/23 and the allocation of the 2023/24 recommended expenditure budget be approved.

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was **Agreed** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable the Council to consider confidential information in respect of an employment issue.

8. Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2022

It was **Agreed** that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed

9. Employment Issue

The Council received an update from the Clerk on this matter in private.

10. Duration of Meeting

7.00pm to 7.41pm