

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 4 September 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr R J Doorbar
Cllr M C Hilliar
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis
Cllr Ms G Woodcraft

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr A F Chaplin, Cllr Mrs C M Cunningham, Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr D Walsh and District Cllr H Riddell

In the absence of the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt chaired the Meeting.

23.159 Election of Chairman

Only one nomination had been received, that of the Town Mayor, Cllr D J Hayward, proposed by Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt.

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt declared that Cllr D J Hayward be appointed as Chairman.

23.160 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public wished to speak.

23.161 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from the Town Mayor, Cllr D J Hayward and Cllr R D Sherriff.

23.162 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27 March 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

23.163 Chairman's Report

No report had been received.

23.164 Income & Expenditure 2023/24

Details of the Income and Expenditure for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 July 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting.

No queries were raised but Cllr M C Hilliar asked that when considering the 2024/25 budgets, a contingency be included for additional grass cutting on The Green.

Cllr Mrs M P Lewis advised that she and Cllr Ms G Woodcraft had attended the 'Budleigh Traders' meeting earlier in the evening. The High Street was in a precarious position.

She then asked if anything had been budgeted for Christmas Lighting.

The Clerk advised that there was no specific budget. Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt added that previously the Chamber of Commerce had applied for a grant towards the cost of installing the lights and whichever group took on the Christmas lights in the future would have to follow the same procedure.

23.165 Council Investments

It was agreed that, in the absence of the Chairman, the discussion on reinvesting funds currently held in Lloyds Bank Business Bank Instant Account should be deferred until the Town Council meeting on 25 September 2023.

23.166 Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- Cllr M C Hilliar said that if the Christmas lights were not installed this year, there was a possibility of organising a Christmas Carnival but he would have to speak to his committee before committing to this idea.
- Cllr Mrs L D Evans added that traders in Magdalen Street in Exeter placed a tree outside their shops and wondered whether this could be an alternative for Budleigh Salterton.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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Chairman

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