



PEASEDOWN ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 6.30pm held at Beacon Hall, French Close, Peasedown St John

Present:

Councillors:

Barbara Bailey; John Bailey; Mandy Clarke; Richard Clarke; Jo Davis; Audrey Gillard-Sprake; Gavin Heathcote; Simon Kidd; Ray Love; Jonathan Rich (Chair); Les Sprake; Kathy Thomas (Vice-Chair).

In attendance:

Tanya West – Parish Clerk & RFO

Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

The Chair asked if any persons were recording the meeting. No one responded that they were.

C069 – 06/09/2022

Attendance Roll Call and Declarations of Interest

An attendance roll call was undertaken and those present are detailed above.

No further interests to those already disclosed to the Monitoring Officer were declared.

C070 – 06/09/2022

Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Adi Davis and Conor Ogilvie-Davidson due to work commitments; Cllr Andy Larcombe due to being away. These apologies were duly noted.

Cllr Andrew Fraser was absent with no apologies received.

C071 – 06/09/2022

Items for Urgent Report

There were no items for urgent report.

C072 – 06/09/2022

Insurance Policy and Schedule

Councillors received an update on the insurance policy and schedule for Peasedown St John Parish Council & Peasedown St John Recreation & Childrens Playground Charities.

Cllrs Jo Davis and Andy Larcombe had met with the Clerk on 18th August 2022 to review the insurance documents as supplied by the insurance broker, Gallagher. The broker had provided one quotation, from Hiscox Insurance Company Limited, for a 3-year binding long term agreement premium of £4,814.24 per year.

An email had been sent to the broker, querying as to why only one quotation was provided, as in previous years, three separate quotations had been provided. The following response was received:
As previously explained, the insurance market in general has undergone some big changes over the last 24 months with the Pandemic and war in Ukraine especially having an influence and this has not left the local council sector unaffected.

This has not only resulted in the hardening of rates and terms across the board several of the insurers have decided to withdraw from quoting for local councils as they do not see it is sustainable for them.

As part of Gallagher who are a large broking organisation we were able to carry out a tender exercise with several insurers offered our local council scheme including Aviva, Ecclesiastical, AXA, Alliance and Hiscox and at the end of this process we agreed to move forward and work with Hiscox Insurance who have been with us since the early stages of our scheme so we are confident they know and understand the sector.

This is also part of the reason we are recommending a long term agreement when rates are levelling off and could increase at each renewal without an agreement in place.

It was noted that the premium was an increase of £596.72 on the previous year and a substantial number of additional assets had been added. Also, that a total of £5,000 had been allocated to the various insurance budgets for the current financial year, so is sufficient to cover the quoted premium.

Cllr Jo Davis explained that her, Cllr Andy Larcombe, and the Clerk were satisfied the insurance schedule provided sufficient cover and value for money. Also, the broker had been used for at least the last ten years and have provided good customer service and advice during that period.

Following discussion, it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the recommendation of the Broker and to appoint Hiscox as the Parish Council's insurer, under a discounted 3-year long-term agreement, for the sum of £4,814.24 each year, commencing with the first year period of 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023.

C073 – 06/09/2022 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at the earlier time of 6.30pm, to allow for co-option, at the Beacon Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Signed..... Date.....

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