

Town Council Meeting
06 February 2025

Present: Councillors Bacon, Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Rushmer, Stephens, Whitehead and the town clerk.

Twenty-two members of the public were in attendance.

153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

155 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the council meetings on 5 December 2024 and 9 January 2025 and of the extraordinary council meetings on 10 September 2024, 10 October 2024, 19 December 2024 and 02 January 2025 as detailed in the minute book (2024-25) be approved with the agreed amendments.

156 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the payment of accounts for December 2024 be confirmed.

157 INCOME

Resolved that the council's income for December 2024 be noted.

158 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2025/26

Cllr Rushmer proposed an 8% increase of the band D amount; this was seconded by Cllr Stephens.

Cllr McGinnies proposed a 6.5% increase of the band D amount; this was seconded by Cllr Bacon.

Cllr Conway proposed a 0% increase of the band D amount; this was seconded by Cllr Dodson.

For 8.5%: Cllrs S Middleton, Rushmer, V Middleton, Kendall and Stephens.

For 6.5%: Cllrs Ogunade, Bacon, McGinnies and Hardacre

For 0%: Cllrs Oldroyd, Dodson, Whitehead, Fernie, Conway and Bates.

Resolved that a budget resulting in a 0% increase of the band D amount be approved, and the town clerk be authorised to issue the formal precept demand to Wakefield Council.

159 CLEANING CONTRACT

This item was moved into exclusion of press and public.

160 PLANNING

The update was noted.

161 FINANCE

This item was withdrawn.

162 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MOTIONS

This item was withdrawn.

163 Public Question Time

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- The scope of the internal audit.
- The precept
- Lights at Sandygate

164 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

165 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

At this point the chairman closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.05