



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN AYLSHAM TOWN HALL, ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT 6.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Trevor Bennett Chair                      Catherine Fletcher  
Joan Bennett    Kay Montandon  
Cheryl Bould    Patrick Prekopp  
Kevin Cunnane

Sue Lake –Locum Town Clerk

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from David Anderson, Gordon Clarke, Dave Curtis, Mary Evans and Annette Overton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations of a personal interest.

**3. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Public present

**4. BUDGET 2025-26**

Notes had been received from Mary Evans regarding the budget. These were discussed and where appropriate details amended.

**a) To discuss and agree the General Purposes budget**

It was clarified that Climate is the ACE Group and the budget will be changed to reflect this.

The amount earmarked for youth was questioned. The background to this was explained- that a work programme had started with the School Council who undertook a survey but the results were never received. Those who were initially interested in the project were no longer involved. It was thought that Sue Catchpole may have details, and she will be contacted.

New budget lines had been entered for CCTV and SAM2.

This cost centre was accepted

**b) To discuss and agree the Town Hall budget**

This cost centre was accepted

**c) To discuss and agree the Drill Hall budget**

This cost centre was accepted

**d) To discuss and agree the Other Properties budget**

The markets will be transferred to this cost centre.

This cost centre was accepted

**e) To discuss and agree the Cemetery budget**

This cost centre was accepted

**f) To discuss and agree the Allotments budget**

This cost centre was accepted

**g) To discuss and agree the Open Spaces budget**

The full impact of the in-house grass cutting will be detailed in a report to be presented. The budget included the amount for cutting the Recreation Ground and so also included extra hours for the Groundsman. As there will be much work in the forthcoming months at the Churchyard a new cost centre for this will be created.

This cost centre also includes the Recreation Ground request which was for £72,500. It is noted that the Recreation Ground subsidises both cricket and bowls but not tennis. Although the Recreation Ground Committee did not feel the need to ask for the user groups accounts councillors still felt this was required as they are being funded by public money.

The Recreation Ground request was reduced by £6,000. It was not thought that £5000 for a replenishment reserve was required whilst the Town Council still holds £50,000 in reserves. The other £1000 related to the information boards as the councillors thought these could be funded via a fund-raising activity or a grant. This left the grant to the Recreation Ground at £66,500.

This cost centre was accepted

**h) To discuss and agree the Street Scene budget**

This cost centre was accepted

**i) To agree the budget as a whole**

The Town Council agreed the budget

**j) To agree the precept demand for 2025/26**

The budget required a sum of £501,730 from precept to balance. The estimated Band D figure based on a tax base of 2727 is £183.99 a rise of 1.92%.

It was proposed and **AGREED** to request a precept sum of £501,730.

**5. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

Nothing Raised

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date was confirmed as **Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.00pm**

**CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

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

Minutes Agreed.....