

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 8 January 2018**

**At 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall**

**Present:**

Councillor C K Woodward (Chairman)

Councillors: A K Beames                      A D Harvey  
C Brown                                      C Holliday  
H W Chirgwin                              J S King  
H B Eaglestone                            T J Morris  
D S Enright                                 L M Price

Officers: Town Clerk                                      Responsible Financial Officer  
Democratic Services Officer

Also present : Terry Blaney, Steve Wallington, Warren Brown and Matt Roley –  
Panache Design and Developments

008 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs Bartington, Dorward, Doughty, Reynolds and Temple.

009 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

010 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present for this item.

011 **VERBAL REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD EARLIER IN THE EVENING**

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee gave an update of the meeting held earlier that evening.

**RESOLVED:**

1. that the verbal report of the Special Policy and Resources Committee held earlier that evening be noted;
2. that the revisions to the budget be noted and agreed;
3. that the £500 grant to Base 33 be earmarked for something of community benefit;
4. that £10,000 be put into the 2018/19 budget for the Lake and Country Park;

5. that the £3,000 cost of the Traffic Regulation Order on The Leys be put into the 2018/19 budget.

012 **DECLARATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2018/19**

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign and serve a precept on the West Oxfordshire District Council, in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Local Government Act 1972(as amended), requiring the District Council to pay the Town Council the sum of £1,381,937 in respect of Council Tax for the town during the financial year 2018/19.

013 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

014 **DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO ENTER INTO A CONFIDENTIALITY NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

The Members received documentation inviting the Council to enter into a confidentiality non-disclosure agreement with Panache Design & Development and discussed if it was relevant.

Members felt that the document was too restrictive and furthermore Members were already bound by the Local Government Act 1972 to treat all further information as confidential.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Council should not enter into a confidentiality non-disclosure agreement.

015 **WEST WITNEY SPORTS GROUND**

The Council received and considered a presentation from Panache Design and Development on a partnership arrangement for working together to establish and secure the future of the West Witney Sports Ground.

The Leader proposed that the concept should be further discussed through the Council's Committee system and that it could be looked at alongside the previous feasibility study. If the Council was minded to support the proposals then public consultation could take place.

**RESOLVED:** that a meeting on the West Witney Sports Ground Working Party be held with all members of the Council invited to discuss the proposals further. This could then be fed into the Estates Management Committee.

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The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Chairman