

Minutes of a special (Extraordinary) Meeting of



Stony Stratford Town Council

Held on **Tuesday 23rd June 2020 at 7.00 pm**

This was a meeting held remotely using video and audio-Conferencing facilities

(In accordance with the *Coronavirus Act 2020)

Present: Cllrs Roy Adams, Paul Bartlett, Cliff Brett, Simon Cherrill, Bianca Bendig-Ceesay, Rob Gifford (Chair), June Payne, Peter Thornburgh, Keith Tilley (Vice-Chair) (9) members) and Lynne Compton, Clerk to the Council

Absent: none.

20/091 QUESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no members of the press or public present.

20/092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF RELEVANT ITEMS OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA: in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Section 29(1). There were none.

20/093 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 S33. There were none.

20/094 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none. All present.

20/095 PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD (PWLB) LOAN: At its meeting of 3rd July 2019, this Council resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £200,000 over the borrowing term of 30 years for the purpose of undertaking major improvements to the 5-7 Church Street building. The annual loan repayments will come to around £9,490.80. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the revised wording in line with the Ministry of Housing, Community and Local Government requirements.

20/096 2021/22 INCREASE TO PRECEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LOAN REPAYMENTS ON 5-7 CHURCH STREET: The Council intends to increase in the Council Tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayment of 4.25% which is the equivalent of an additional £3.72 (per household) a year. This has already been the subject of a precept increase consultation.

20/097 PWLB ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED: Council **REVIEWED** and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** (i) the additional information prepared by the TC prior to resubmitting the PWLB application and (ii) **DELEGATE** any further discussions/changes to the TC (in liaison with SSTC Chair and Chair of Finance), as the substantive work has been completed.

20/098 Council RESOLVED to exclude press and public in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 sect 1.2 to discuss matters of commercial and personal confidentiality (Papers for Members only): Agenda Item 8 (Minute 20/099).



20/099 TENDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FULLY AUTOMATIC SYSTEM WITH A SEMI-AUTOMATIC SYSTEM IN THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES (SSTC OWNED), SILVER STREET: The Clerk went in detail through the tender process (which was carried out in line with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) model Financial Regulations) and the findings of the evaluation team. Council **NOTED** that whilst there had been 9 expressions of interest, only two bids had been received. One bid was 90% higher than the other. The following decisions were made:

- i) Following a vote, Stony Stratford Town Council, unanimously **RESOLVED** that the contract for replacement of the current fully automatic public conveniences with a semi-automatic system together with cleaning and maintenance services should be awarded to **Healthmatic** (the current contractor). The contract shall commence on 1st July 2020, at a cost of £18,400 per annum and run for 10 years. **Contract Total: £184,000.** The contract shall be contingent upon receipt of references (as it is a different facility being provided).

Action: TC to instruct LGSS Procurement to award the contract.

Stony Stratford Town Council further agreed to

- ii) **DELEGATE** the agreement of the contract document, (including the decision over which party retains the income and therefore pays the utilities) between both parties to the Town Clerk in liaison with the Chair of SSTC and Chair of Finance for review by a legal expert prior to signing.
Action: TC to (i) seek further information from Healthmatic on the costs of utilities v income over the previous contract (ii) seek information from other Parish and Town Councils with similar sized facilities (iii) ask Buckinghamshire Local Association of Councils (BALC) if the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) (who reviewed the previous contract) still provided contract services (iv) If the answer to (iii) was no, then contract local solicitors for quotations and organise the work to be done under delegated powers

Chair Signature..... Dated:.....

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st July 2020, 7 pm, Galley Hill Meeting Place, Barford, Galley Hill MK11 1PE or to be held remotely: TO BE ADVISED: Please check the website/noticeboards for details

