

Methwold Parish Council

Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.30pm
21 Room St George's Hall Complex Methwold

Present: – Cllr. French – Chairman, Cllr. Liddle – Vice Chairman, Cllr. O'Ware, Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Grassick, Cllr. Horton, Cllr. Rodriguez, Cllr. Rodwell, Cllr. Riches

No members of the public
Clerk

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Younge and Cllr. Scott
3. Declarations of Interest (In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011) and requests for dispensations - None
4. Finance
 - 4.1 Accounts Update – Bank Reconciliation - December 29th 2023

Current Account	£30,834.58
Tracker Account	£29,854.63
Saver Account – (Grants & Donations CIL/Section 106)	£68,760.91
Emergency Reserve Fund	£25,298.61
Total	£154,748.73

Included is £339.14 interest in the last quarter.
 - 4.2 To approve outstanding invoices – all contracted invoices have been paid to date.
 - 4.3 To approve payment of the annual insurance premium – The annual premium for 2024/25 is £2085.68, this includes the premium for St George's Hall and the old social club and this amount will be paid by MHCCT. Cllr. O'Ware proposed to accept the annual premium and make payment, Cllr. Horton seconded - APPROVED
 - 4.3 To approve draft Budget for 2024/25 – The council discussed the proposed draft budget for 2024/25 in detail, Cllr. Horton proposed to accept the draft budget for 2024/25, Cllr. Grassick seconded - APPROVED
 - 4.4 To approve Precept Requirement for 2024/25 – The Precept for 2023/24 based on 576.3 Band D houses in Methwold Parish was £66,567.66, the amount paid by a Band D house in 2023/24 was approx. £121.28. For 2024/25 the information received from KLWNBC is based on 597.4 band D houses. A 5% increase will be required for 2024/25, this increases the Precept to £73,390.84 which equates to a total increase of £3494.80 for the parish. A Band D house will increase by £5.85 per year or 49p per month. Cllr. Horton proposed to request a 5% increase to the Precept for 2024/25, Cllr. Liddle seconded - APPROVED
5. Further reports and items for the next meeting agenda – February 8th 2024
 - 5.1 Biodiversity Update – Cllr. Rodriguez
 - 5.2 Adult Gym Equipment presentation – Cllr. Grassick
 - 5.3 Replacement benches on the recreation ground, to include the bench on far side of recreation ground – update – Cllr. Riches
 - 5.4 Memorial bench for Cllr. D Scott
 - 5.5 Approval to purchase new laptop – details to be confirmed by Cllr. Liddle
 - 5.6 Update and to consider approval to purchase Scribe account package

Meeting ended 8.10pm