

**Minutes for an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6.30pm  
Burgh le Marsh Town Council, Tinkers Green, Jacksons Lane, Burgh le Marsh**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr Neil Cooper, Deputy Chairman: Cllr Jim Moss  
Cllr Sue Blackburn, Cllr Andy Cooper, Cllr Pauline Cooper,  
Cllr Mike Greenhalgh, Cllr Lisa Broomfield, Cllr Pat Phillips.  
Clerk: Kelly Stevenson

**Public:** No public.

**217.21 Receive apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Colin Wright, Cllr Chris Sanderson, Cllr Paul Rawlinson and Cllr Ricky Gandechea.

**218.22 Pursuant to the Localism Act 2011: Receive declarations of interest in accordance with the act.**

None

**219.21 Exclude press and public pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the following business to be discussed.**

No members of the public present.

**220.21 Receive update on Christmas lighting and vote on quotations received (see appendix 1)**

The clerk gave an update on requirements for Christmas lighting agreed at the Town Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021. In order to use street lighting columns for Christmas lighting an agreement licence and structural test is required for each column light that is proposed to be used on the Hight Street.

Council noted the increased cost for the total project of Christmas lighting of £13,950. An increase of £2620.00 from the £11330.00 agreed on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

After a lengthy discussion concerning lighting options, current budget and future impact on the precept it was finally Proposed and Seconded that the entire cost of Christmas lighting should be reduced, due to excessive cost, to only provide a large Christmas Tree and two lighting displays on the lighting columns in the Market Place.

A recorded vote was requested.

Cllr Mike Greenhalgh, Cllr Neil Cooper, Cllr Pat Phillips and Cllr Pauline Cooper voted in favour of the proposal to reducing Christmas lighting to the Market Place only.

Cllr Sue Blackburn, Cllr Lisa Broomfield, Cllr Jim Moss and Cllr Andy Cooper all voted against the reduced lighting proposal in support of proceeding with licensing, structural test and all Christmas lighting as agreed on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and increasing the budget to £13,950.00

Due to an equal vote, Chairman, Cllr Neil Cooper, gave a deciding vote supporting the proposal to reduce Christmas lighting to only cover the Market Place.

It was therefore Resolved to proceed with reduced Christmas lighting as follows:

A 16ft Christmas Tree with lighting and installation and two lighting decorations for the street lighting columns in the market Place at a budget £3,375.00.

It was Resolved to allocate a budget of £1000.00 for structural testing of the light columns in the Market Place.

It was further Proposed and Resolved to seek views of the public on extending Christmas lighting on to the High Street for future years.

Christmas trees and donation to the Windmill Christmas event remain unchanged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.