



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Virtual Meeting

held on

28th JANUARY 2022

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Helen Brown

Councillors: Janet Axworthy, Bob Connah, George Hardcastle, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Ryan O’Gorman, Ralph Small and Darren Sterry.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

143/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Ve Amos (medical), Gillian Brockley (medical), Dan Preece (work), Emma Preece (work) and Richard Taylor (work).

144/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

145/21 PURCHASE OF A NEW COUNCIL VEHICLE:

The Chairman reminded members of the council that at the budget meeting in January 2022, it had been agreed to set aside a provision of £25,000, to be met from the Council’s reserves, for the purchase of a new van. The van was required for the maintenance team and the cost would be split between the three councils.

Due to the pandemic vans had been particularly difficult to obtain and the team had been actively looked for a new vehicle. A schedule of vehicles that had been looked at had been emailed to all members and read out by the Clerk and Financial Officer.

A vehicle had been sourced from Evans Halshaw in Hull, via a video link at the Broughton show room. The vehicle appeared to be fit for purpose and had been priced at £18,991 plus VAT with a mileage of 56,133. The vehicle was three years old registered in March 2019 and was a H2 Ford Transit Diesel.

The Council's contribution from reserves would be £9,685 with Broughton and Bretton contributing £3,646 and Shotton paying £5,659. Although Hawarden Community Council would be paying for the vehicle from the reserves, the other two authorities might need to wait until April 2022 (the new budget year) to pay their contributions.

Members raised a few queries about the vehicle history, services and the period of warranty provided.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that authority be delegated to the Senior Maintenance Officer to view the vehicle on Monday morning, in person, and, if suitable, to agree to the purchase of the van by the Clerk and Financial Officer; and (ii) to establish that the current warranty was at least three months with the option of an extended warranty to be considered at the next meeting of the council.