

**CALVERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

held in the Conference Room, Calverton Village Hall, William Lee Memorial Park,  
Park Road, Calverton, Nottinghamshire NG14 6SA

The meeting commenced at 6.45pm

Present	Cllr. A. Meads – Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. D. Curwood, Cllr. B. Elliott, Cllr. S. Harris, Cllr. M. Hope, Cllr. J. Inger, Cllr. L. Kopyrko, Cllr. B. Mills, Cllr. N. Quilty, Cllr. J. Townsend, Cllr. P. Winfield
In attendance	A. Tristram Clerk/RFO No members of the public.

299/2324	<b><u>1. Chairmans announcements</u></b> None
300/2324	<b><u>2. To receive any declarations of any intentions to record the meeting.</u></b> None
301/2324	<b><u>3. Apologies for absence</u></b> Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Briggs (family commitments), Cllr. L. Brown (other commitments and Cllr J. Feargrieve (family commitments). Apologies for Cllr. K. Summerfield were submitted at the meeting.  RESOLVED : that the reasons for the apologies are accepted.
302/2324	<b><u>4. Declarations of Interest</u></b> None
303/2324	<b><u>5. to consider quotes received to replace the existing photocopier.</u></b> Members received three quotes to replace the existing photocopier and a quote to extend the agreement on a secondary rental or a new five-year agreement.  The quotes provided details of quarterly payments over a five-year rental agreement and copy cost charges for Mono and Colour prints for service and supplies with the exception of paper.  It was RESOLVED to proceed with a five-year rental agreement for a Ricoh IMC2510 copier with supplier C.
304/2324	<b><u>6. to discuss quotes received for work to remove path in William Lee Park</u></b> Three quotes were considered for work to remove a path between the play area and skatepark / trim trail on William Lee Park. Prices were obtained on two options.  It was RESOLVED to proceed with option 2 to remove the existing path, excavate hole, backfill with material from removed pathway and excavated soil from supplier 1 as described in the report.
305/2324	<b><u>7. to consider allowing a local school to use the Village Hall without charge for a leavers party.</u></b>  Cllr. B.Mills declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote.  Members discussed charges for use of the village hall for a school leavers party.  It was RESOLVED that the Council agree to offer the children's party rate for the hire and a 50% discount as a one-off gesture.

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**8. Budget / Precept – to agree budget and precept for the forthcoming financial year 2024/25**

Members discussed a draft budget and additional information for 2024/25 prepared by the Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer that was circulated with the agenda.

The level of general reserves, earmarked reserves and CIL receipts (ringfenced for qualifying projects) were discussed. The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer informed members that reserve levels would need to be reviewed following the year end and was forecasting that it will be highly likely that some earmarked reserves may be required to bring the general reserves to the minimum level.

Amendments to the budget prepared by Cllr. Meads were discussed at the meeting.

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer raised concerns about some of the amendments proposed and strongly advised against relying on unconfirmed income e.g. expected income from grants that had not been applied for and assumptions of future income from the letting of the cemetery chapel.

Cllr. Meads requested that the following paragraph is included in the minutes as a summary of comments made during the meeting.

Cllr Meads raised strong concerns that no attempts seemed to have been made to make more savings and that Calverton Residents should not be subject to a large increase in precept and had brought forward steps to reduce costs and at the same time put money back in reserves.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hope and seconded by Cllr. Meads to

- a) adopt the budget prepared by Cllr. Meads for financial year 2024/2025 stating savings of £40,208.00.
- b) agree a precept increase of 4.5% giving a final precept figure of £269,390 and instruct the clerk to pass this onto Gedling Borough Council.
- c) instruct the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements to bring the proposed changes into effect and agree that the Parish Council will review and act on competitive quotes for the solar power initiative by no later than the March Parish Council meeting.
- d) use CIL reserves to fund the solar panels.

Cllr. Elliott proposed an amendment to accept the budget proposed by the Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer resulting in a precept of £288,522. Cllr. Winfield seconded the amendment.

Recorded Vote:

Cllr. D. Curwood - Against, Cllr. B. Elliott - For, Cllr. S. Harris - For, Cllr. M. Hope - Against, Cllr. J. Inger - For, Cllr. L. Kopyrko - Against, Cllr. A. Meads - Against, Cllr. B. Mills - Against, Cllr. N. Quilty - Abstain, Cllr. J. Townsend - For, Cllr. P. Winfield – For

Total votes: 5 votes For, 5 votes against, 1 abstention.

As the votes were tied, the Chairman used his casting vote and voted against the proposal so the amendment fell.

A further amendment was proposed by Cllr. Inger to accept the budget proposed by the Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer resulting in a precept of £277,133 using £11,389 of reserves to balance the budget. Cllr. Winfield seconded the amendment.

Recorded Vote:

Cllr. D. Curwood - Against, Cllr. B. Elliott - For, Cllr. S. Harris - Against, Cllr. M. Hope - Against, Cllr. J. Inger - For, Cllr. L. Kopyrko - Against, Cllr. A. Meads - Against, Cllr. B. Mills - For, Cllr. N. Quilty - Abstain, Cllr. J. Townsend - Against, Cllr. P. Winfield – For

Total votes: 4 votes For, 6 votes against, 1 abstention.



<p>The amendment fell.</p> <p>A further amendment was proposed by Cllr. Townsend to accept the budget prepared by Cllr. Meads with an increase in the precept from £269,390 to £275,839 and that the additional amount £6,449 is added to the planned transfer to reserves. This was seconded by Cllr. Winfield.</p> <p>Recorded Vote: Cllr. D. Curwood - Against, Cllr. B. Elliott - For, Cllr. S. Harris - Against, Cllr. M. Hope - Against, Cllr. J. Inger - For, Cllr. L. Kopyrko - For, Cllr. A. Meads - For, Cllr. B. Mills - For, Cllr. N. Quilty - For, Cllr. J. Townsend - For, Cllr. P. Winfield – For</p> <p>Total votes: 8 votes For, 3 votes against.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e) adopt the budget incorporating the changes outline in the alternative budget prepared by Cllr. Meads for financial year 2024/2025 stating savings of £40,208.00.</li><li>f) agree a precept increase of 7% giving a final precept figure of £275,839 and instruct the clerk to pass this onto Gedling Borough Council.</li><li>g) Instruct the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements to bring the proposed changes into effect and agree that the Parish Council will review and act on competitive quotes for the solar power initiative by no later than the March Parish Council meeting.</li></ul>
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The meeting closed at 9.20pm

**I declare that this is a true and accurate record of the meeting of Calverton Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

Signed



Dated

12 March 2024

**Chairman  
Calverton Parish Council**

