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Minutes

Meeting of : Parish Meeting
Date : Wednesday 22 February 2023
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6:00pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr Tom Corbin, The Mayor of the City of Salisbury

Electors: Michael Challis, Matthew Coldwell, Philip Kent, Pamela Mattocks, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Eleanor Wills

Councilors also present: Cllrs A Hoque, J Broom, J Wells, A Riddle and V Charleston

Council Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty, Thomas Simpkins, and Yaro Pustarnakov

Members of the public: 121, including Cllrs present (Residents 114 and Non -Residents 7)

Members of the press: 3

The Chairman started the meeting by welcoming all present.

The Chairman also highlighted the Standing with Giants art installation currently in the Guildhall Square and invited those present to visit the artwork and donate towards to Ukrainian Hub via the QR codes on the information boards present if they wished.

Motion

The Chairman then read out the motion as shown on the Notice of the meeting, as follows;

Do Salisbury residents support

- a. A limit on any proposed increase to the parish precept by 5% per year*
- b. If an administration wants to increase the precept by more than 5% then a parish poll should be required?*

The Chairman then invited all in attendance to present their statements or comments to the meeting if they wished.

Cllr Eleanor Wills addressed the meeting first, providing further information regarding the motion raised. Many members of the public made statements covering; the status of this meeting, their discontent at the level of increase in the precept, the lack of consultation with residents, and lack of information about the budget.

Other councillors present also spoke including Cllrs Victoria Charleston, Cllr Annie Riddle, Cllr Atiquel Hoque and Cllr Charles McGrath.

The Chairman then asked the meeting to vote on the Motion as shown below

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A vote was held by a show of hands. There were 58 votes in support, 10 votes against and 2 abstentions, and therefore it was

Resolved that:

Salisbury residents support:

- a. Limit on any proposed increase to the parish precept by 5% per year
- b. If an administration wants to increase the precept by more than 5% then a parish poll should be required.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm