



Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Councillors: Chris Brine, John Callinan, Mike Davis, Carol Kambites (Vice-Chair), Gary Powell (Chair), Pam Swain, David Thorpe.

In Attendance: Clerk to Stonehouse Town Council

Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of the meeting could be filmed, photographed or recorded.

- TC2713 To receive apologies**
Apologies were received from Town Councillors Rachel Armstrong, Val Randell, Keith Terry and Neil Gibbs
- TC2714 To receive declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- TC2715 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th November 2021**
Council ACCEPTED the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to the correction of the date for the next town council meeting
- TC2716 To approve a new gas supply contract for the Town Council**
The Clerk provided an overview of the developing gas supply problems throughout the UK and the direct impact this was having on the Town Council, specifically due to the fact that its current provider CNG had gone out of business. The Clerk highlighted the fact that he had used two energy brokers (Utility Aid and Bionic) in addition to seeking gas prices himself but with the volatile nature of the market, it was clear that prices were increasing immeasurably and that gas supplies from renewable sources were no longer readily available.
Of the quotations received, 'YU Energy' provided the only environmental option (albeit through offsetting carbon emissions

rather than providing gas from a renewable source) and whilst this option was the most expensive, Cllrs felt that the council should remain true to its commitment to dealing with climate change at a local level. It was further considered that the current gas supply crisis might improve over the next 12 months.

Council therefore RESOLVED to award a new gas supply contract for the Town Hall to 'YU Energy' for a period of one year with immediate effect.

TC2717 **To note the date of the next Town Council meeting: 6th December 21**
Council NOTED the date of the next town council meeting