



# Castlethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>TH</sup> December 2021 in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Ayles, Forgham, Merritt, Keane, Sawbridge and the Clerk. Members of the public were viewing the meeting via Youtube but none were actually in attendance..

There were no matters raised in the public session.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  |               |
| 1.1      | Cllrs Markham & Hinds.  |               |
| <b>2</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>   |               |
| 2.1.     | None  |               |
| <b>3</b> | <b>TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS</b>  |               |
| 3.1.     | <p>There had been an enquiry from a resident asking about the streetlights upgrade in Prospect Place. He had canvassed other residents and reported that there was no appetite to replace the lights on telegraph poles with heritage style lanterns. A different resident had then contacted Cllr Ayles disagreeing with this position, although he did agree that there should not be any new poles erected as there was limited space and they may restrict car parking space. He had previously raised a fault on a streetlight and had been told by MKC that as Prospect Place is a private road the lights are not their responsibility. Cllr Ayles then wrote to Chris Hales at MKC to clarify the position but the response was unclear whether MKC are going to upgrade the lights in Prospect Place to LED. He proposed therefore that we should wait and see what MKC actually do. If they do not upgrade the lights in Prospect Place then he proposed a resolution to authorise the Clerk to liaise directly with Ringway to change the two lights mounted on telegraph poles and the one heritage style light to LED equivalents up to a cost of £2,000. Anything more than this would have to go out to tender. This was agreed unanimously.</p> |               |
| <b>4</b> | <b>TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>  |               |
| 4.1.     | <p>Following earlier discussion at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January Cllr Ayles proposed acceptance of the draft budget and to request an increase in Precept of 3.75% in line with the MKC proposal to increase Council Tax. Seconded by Cllr Merritt and agreed unanimously.</p>   |               |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.39 pm.