

TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 6.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Councillors C. Danter (Chair), Cllr P. Clatworthy (Note-taker), M. Sztymiak, T. Walker, V. Smith, H. Burns, S. Carter, M. Poxon, S. Raywood, K. Brennan, P. Aldridge, P. Workman, K. Powell, J. Raywood

Cllr K Cromwell from GCC, and 5 members of the public were in attendance:
Mr. A. Purkiss, Mr J. Badham, Mr. A. Snarey, Mrs C. Cody, Mrs Bailey

At the start of the meeting Cllr Danter explained that due to the Clerk's absence at short notice it had not been possible to get a Locum Clerk to minute the meeting, especially as most of the local Clerks were already attending other meetings. Therefore it had been agreed to accept Cllr Clatworthy's offer to take notes and Cllr Danter would take the Chair. Cllr Danter said she would take notes of any queries that were raised and she was not able to answer. The matters on the Agenda that could not be dealt with would go to an Adjourned meeting that she would held the following Monday.

Rev Sauven said prayers in the absence of Paul Williams.

17/18-63 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr A. Smith was an apology.

17/18-64 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Sztymiak – Tewkesbury Borough Councillor
Cllr P Workman – Tewkesbury Borough Councillor
Cllr V Smith – Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucestershire County Council

17/18-65 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received

17/18-66 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2017 AND 10TH JULY 2017

Minutes of 12th June were accepted and passed. Minutes of 10th July 2017 were agreed. Cllr V. Smith raised the point that there had been no minutes for approval of the Personnel Committee although he knows there had been several meetings and he showed concerns that the 'processes' of the Town Council were not being adhered to. The Chair, Cllr C. Danter pointed out that there was a Draft copy of Finance & Staffing minutes on the desk with a note to sign them.

Signed, Chairman...../...../.....

17/18-67 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no public questions raised.

17/18-68 TO NOTE THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone for their support.

17/18-69 TO NOTE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- i. Severn Ham Minutes held on 27th July were noted.
- ii. Planning Minutes held on 5th and 19th July 2017 were noted.

Cllr Aldridge informed Council that work would start on the coppice on the Ham next to the Mill as it had become a place for illegal activity and a request from both the Police and the office of Lawrence Robertson had requested it be done as a matter of urgency.

17/18-70 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM PAUL O'NEIL TO PROMOTE AND MANAGE THE WATSON HALL

Councillors agreed that there was not enough information available to discuss this option although there were requests for more details on management and promotional plans and it should be remembered that all arrangements should be in line with the Trust's rulings. It was deferred to the next Buildings and Moorings Committee meeting.

17/18-71 TO RECEIVE A TEWKESBURY TOWN REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP REPORT FROM CLLR S. RAYWOOD

Cllr Raywood stated that the Terms of Reference had been set. The next meeting would be in October, date to be agreed. A written report was requested to be sent to all councillors.

17/18-72 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Aldridge submitted a written report on Tewkesbury Hospital Friends and The Wheelchair Bus.

Cllr Burns said that the GAPTC Annual General Meeting had been very good and one for Market Towns Forum, which is a sister group to GAPTC and Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. The AGM of this group is in Lydney to be held on 27th September 2017; any councillors may attend however it was noted that it would be held on the same night as Buildings & Moorings meeting.

17/18-73 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM CLLR J. RAYWOOD TO JOIN THE SEVERN HAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr J. Raywood was welcomed to the Severn Ham and Planning Committee.

17/18-74 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTION OF THE WATSON HALL AND AGREE THE SPENDING PLAN

This item was deferred to the Adjourned meeting to be held on 5th October 2017 at the Buildings & Moorings Meeting.

17/18-75 TO RECEIVE A FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF A COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

The Council noted but no questions could be taken. No previous questions had been raised. This item could be deferred to adjourned meeting.

17/18-76 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FROM JULY AND TO NOTE THE JULY BANK RECONCILIATION

There was no balance sheet available, this item was therefore deferred to either the adjourned meeting or the next Finance & Staffing meeting. The Clerk noted that a Payments List, Receipts List and Bank Reconciliation was attached.

17/18-77 TO RECEIVE THE JULY BUDGET REPORT

A short verbal report was given as a written one had previously been sent to all Councillors.

17/18-78 TO RECEIVE 3 REQUESTS FOR A COMMUNITY GRANT

Adjourned to Finance & Staffing Extraordinary meeting on 5th October 2017.

17/18-79 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS ON THE TEWKESBURY TOWN SURVEY CONDUCTED IN MARCH 2017

This item could not be discussed and the form was not populated. Deferred to the next meeting. It was noted that these details were needed for the next TC Newspaper.

17/18-80 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR AUDITORS

The Clerk has received the Councillor auditors report.

17/18-81 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A report was received from Cllr M. Sztymiak as follows:-

Borough Councillor Report to Tewkesbury Town Council 11.9.2017

At its July meeting the Borough Council agreed to slight modifications to the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme which it has put out for further public consultation. This will then be reviewed by an independent inspector before being adopted.

The Borough also agreed to support the Boundary Commissions view of creating Borough Councillor wards of Tewkesbury South (2 members), Tewkesbury North with Twyning (2 members) and Tewkesbury East (2 members) which would effectively replace the existing Priors Park ward (2 members), Tewkesbury with Mitton ward (2 members), Twyning ward (1 member), Newton Ward (1 member) and Wheatpieces Ward (2 members).

The Borough Council are consulting with the public until 6th November whether to introduce new public space protection measures with regard to dog fouling. As well as ensuring that dog fouling is removed, a person with a dog must ensure that they have the means to clean up the mess and ensure that it is disposed of in an appropriate bin. The order would be enforced by officers with a £100 fixed penalty fine or prosecution. Members of the public can partake in a survey to register their views by following the following link. <https://goo.gl/forms/AY7OYUpVHgA0icap1> or see the Borough Council's website.

There will be a Parish Council Seminar on the 20th September at 5.30 pm at the Borough Offices and it will include details on Data Protection, Finance, JCS and Enviro Crimes. Please let the clerk know if you wish to attend. Places may be restricted as there are 49 parishes in the Borough.

Councillor Mike Sztymiak
10.9.2017

17/18-82 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A. Purkiss asked Cllr Carter if he would be asking his fellow Councillors to get behind the Community Right to bid and ensuring that the TC formulate a letter to the effect that they support this and regret the Tewkesbury Borough Council's actions so far. Cllr Carter agreed.

Mr J. Badham, reminded everyone there that it was the Tewkesbury in Bloom presentation evening on Monday 18th September 2017 in the Watson Hall, the Mayor would be presenting the prizes and extended the invitation to all Councillors.

The Public and Press then left for the Confidential item to be discussed.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

17/18-83 TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDINGS & MOORINGS COMMITTEE AND THE TOWN CLERK ON THE DISPUTE WITH MR GARY PAYNE

Cllr Workman informed all at the meeting of the latest position in the legal dispute with Mr Gary Payne, this report was printed on pink paper.

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm.