

**MINUTES**  
**of a meeting of the Full Council**  
**held at the George Watson Memorial Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs J Raywood (Chair), P Aldridge, K Brennan, H Bowman, P Brookes, C Cody, C Danter, P Devine, K Powell, S Raywood, V Smith, M Sztymiak.

**In attendance:** D Hill (Town Clerk) & J King (Assistant Town Clerk), Rev W Ruffle and two members of the public.

**21/22 - 149 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr Gurney (health).

**21/22 - 150 To receive declarations of interest**  
Cllr Sztymiak – Tewkesbury Borough Councillor  
Cllr Cody – Tewkesbury Borough & Gloucestershire County Councillor  
Cllr Smith – Gloucestershire County Councillor  
Cllr S Raywood – Employed by the Planning Inspectorate  
Cllr J Raywood & Cllr S Raywood - re: mayoral elections  
Cllr Aldridge – re: civic award nominations

**21/22 - 151 To consider requests for dispensation**  
None required.

**21/22 - 152 To receive written questions from members of the public**  
None received.

**21/22 - 153 Public Participation**  
There was no public participation.

**21/22 - 154 To note the Mayor's Announcements**

- Thank you to all who attend the Mayor's Civic Service
- Work on rehanging the pictures in the Council Chamber commences on 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Repairs to the damaged painting are progressing well
- Two councillor vacancies can be filled by co-option
- New lighting in the Watson Hall

**21/22 - 155 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.  
Proposed by Cllr Bowman, seconded by Cllr Powell.

**21/22 - 156 To note the following Committee Minutes: Planning – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
The above minutes were noted.

**21/22 - 157 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only**  
21/22-110 – Tewkesbury 2030 feedback - analysis of postcodes for responses – ongoing – article in Tewkesbury Direct this month  
21/22-120 – Feedback from the bar working group – work ongoing  
21/22-147 – Town Clerk to check if GAPTC newsletter available – complete

21/22-147 – Town Clerk to follow up on the progress on the cycle storage and Riverside Walk signs – ongoing – **Action:** Cllr Cody to follow up.

21/22-148- Tewkesbury Borough Parish Boundary Review Draft Recommendations – circulated to all Councillors – complete

**21/22 - 158 To receive Councillor reports for Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council**

Written reports were received and circulated.

Cllr Cody advised that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service are sending a fire engine to Ukraine. Fees are being waived for road closures for street parties to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The Tour of Britain (cycle race) is coming to Gloucestershire on 9<sup>th</sup> September. The reinstatement of the Swilgate Bridge will start in June.

The Mayor advised that she will be planting a tree at the four primary schools in the parish; to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and these have been provided by GCC.

Planning will be considering the Heritage List at their next meeting. It is primarily the consultation on the criteria for items, but it is also possible to make nomination. Nominations can be for any manmade structure such as bridges or war memorials, not just buildings.

**21/22 - 159 To receive the finance reports for January 2022 and earmarked reserves report**  
The reports were received.

**21/22 - 160 To receive the payment reports for January 2022**

The payment reports were received. The Clerk advised that the electricity supplier; Squeaky, went out of business and the account was compulsorily transferred to Yu Energy. The rates were extortionate, so a switch was made to Bulb Energy, at better rates. Bulb are also in administration but are being controlled by the Government, so there will be no compulsory transfer.

**21/22 - 161 To note the meeting schedule for 2022/23**

The meeting schedule was noted.

**21/22 - 162 To receive and vote on nominations for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr S Raywood to the position of Mayor for 2022/23 Proposed by Cllr Bowman, seconded by Cllr Devine.

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Sztymiak to the position of Deputy Mayor for 2022/23. Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Smith.

**21/22 - 163 To receive an update from the Climate Change Working Group**

Cllr Cody provided an update from the Climate Change Working Group Plastic Free Tewkesbury continues to make progress towards certification. The grant from the Town Council has enabled them to set up the website and it should be live by the end of the month. The Repair Café is up and running again.

Hippo water saving blocks have been installed in all of the Town Council owned toilets, saving three litres of water per flush. The swap box is being made by PPNP and will be installed at Prior's Park church.

Toads on the roads saved 140 toads this year.

Next Climate Change Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, all councillors welcome.

**21/22 - 164 To consider and agree to sign the Gloucestershire Armed Forces Covenant**

It was RESOLVED to sign the Gloucestershire Armed Forces Covenant.

Proposed by Cllr Sztymiak, seconded by Cllr Aldridge.

**21/22 - 165 To consider a recommendation from Severn Ham Committee that the Town Council repurchases Mythe Nature Reserve from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust at a cost of £1.**

It was RESOLVED to defer this item in order for a full cost analysis to be presented to Full Council. Proposed by Cllr Sztymiak, seconded by Cllr Brookes.

**21/22 - 166 To agree the replacement of five toilet doors at Spring Gardens Toilet Block at a cost of £13,325**

It was RESOLVED to replace five toilet doors at Spring Gardens Toilet Block at a cost of £13,325. Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr S Raywood.

**21/22 - 167 To receive reports from members representing the Town Council on outside bodies**

Cllr S Raywood advised that GAPTC had now notified councils of the final agreed salary award from last April.

**21/22 - 168 To approve the payments list**

There was no payments list.

**21/22 - 169 Correspondence**

NALC Star Council awards are now open for nominations.

**21/22 - 170 To resolve that the press and public are excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 s.1 ss.2**

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr S Raywood.

**21/22 - 171 To discuss and agree the nominations for the Tewkesbury Town Civic Awards  
The nominations were discussed.**

It was RESOLVED to award three Civic Awards and one Covid Community Response Award. Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Cody.

**21/22 - 172 To award the Facilities Management contract following the tendering process**

It was RESOLVED to award the facilities management contract to GAB Services.

Proposed by Cllr Brennan, seconded by Cllr S Raywood.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes ..... 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022