



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON **23rd July 2020 at 7.00PM**

This virtual meeting was held using Zoom software

(Voting was recorded by a show of hands where Councillors were able to access the meeting using a camera and could be seen by the Town Clerk; Councillors who had no access to a camera were asked to speak out or use the CHAT function on Zoom)

PRESENT

Council Members The Mayor, Cllr A Coleman and Cllrs D Morehead, Deputy Mayor, J Byng, S Billett, R Coleman, L Davies, P Harrison, M Maher, R Stanczyszyn

In attendance: S Hudson - Town Clerk

9177 OPENING REMARKS

The Mayor welcome everyone to the meeting

9178 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE ANY COUNCIL MEMBER'S APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Collingridge, C Edginton White and H Lacy

9179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded to submit their Register of Interests and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary and/or Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

For transparency Cllrs L Davies, R Coleman & A Coleman declared they had been called as witnesses in the on-going staffing case.

9180 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

None requested

9181 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

9182 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **Approve** the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 06/07/2020, as true and accurate records of those meetings.

9183 In accordance with the **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2)**, It was **RESOLVED** that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting to allow for discussion of confidential matters relating to any of staff, legal matters or contractual arrangements, the publication of which would be prejudicial to the public interest

9184 ON-GOING STAFFING MATTERS

Cllr P Harrison as Chairman of the Staffing Committee presented information received from the Council's solicitors and the Staffing Committees recommendation on the matter. Members discussed the issues in hand; an amendment to the original recommendation was agreed and Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the Staffing Committees decision and to agree that the solicitors act on the Council's behalf.

9185 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – 7th September 2020

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

Signed
Mayor/Chairman
17th August 2020