



# BEWDLEY Town Council

## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Mr J Beeson (Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs L Candlin  
Councillor Mr S Clee  
Councillor Mrs A Coleman  
Councillor Mr R Coleman  
Councillor Mrs E Davies  
Councillor Mrs C Edginton-White  
Councillor Mr P Edmundson  
Councillor Miss M Fishwick  
Councillor Mr D Killingworth  
Councillor Miss A Mace  
Councillor Mr G Yarranton

In attendance: Mr Nick Farress – Town Clerk  
Mr David Moore – Treasurer  
Mr Kyle Daisley – Community Engagement Officer

- 8362 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received from District Councillors Rebecca Vale and Rod Wilson.
- 8363 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
- 8364 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS**  
There were none.
- 8365 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT**  
The Mayor reported on his busiest month so far, with his Civic Service at the Baptist Church of particular note. The Mayor also mentioned the Flying Scotsman visit, the official opening of the new Medical Centre and the Rowing Club Dinner and Dance. He extended thanks to his Deputy, Cllr Edmundson, and to Cllrs Killingworth and Mrs Edginton-White for attending some functions as his representative. The Mayor also commented on the decision of the Planning Committee to recommend refusal of the Gladman proposals off The Lakes Road and added his support of this decision.
- 8366 MINUTES AGREED**  
That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 5th September 2016 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor.

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**ACCOUNTS**

The Council considered the revised schedule of accounts and payments for September 2016 drawn up by the Treasurer, together with the balances held at Unity Bank, Cambridge Building Society, Scottish Widows and HM Revenue & Customs and the current budgetary position as to income and expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**AGREED**

(i) that the revised schedule of accounts be approved and signed by the Mayor with authority thereby given for the requisite cheques to be drawn;

(ii) that the cash balances be noted as follows:

- with Unity Bank current account of £53,505.94
- with Unity Bank deposit account of £10, 548.37
- with Scottish Widows deposit account of £30,011.53
- with Cambridge Building Society saver account of £30,101.10
- with HMRC (VAT) of £5,232.61

(iii) that the reconciliation statement be noted;

(iv) that the Council's income and expenditure for the current financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be noted.

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Candlin presented the Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**AGREED**

That the Minutes be accepted and actions noted.

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**WELCH GATE AQMA**

Councillor Mrs Coleman presented a report calling for Wyre Forest DC to bring forward proposals to provide car parking on the Wribbenhall side of the river to alleviate traffic congestion in the Town Centre and Welch Gate.

**AGREED**

To write to Wyre Forest DC setting out the Council's concerns, and asking the authority to bring forward plans for car parking provision in Wribbenhall as part of their Local Plan Review.

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**MILLENNIUM GREEN**

The Council considered a report from the Town Clerk in relation to the future use of Millennium Green for which the Council are a sole managing trustee. The Green is only maintained on an ad hoc basis as there are no volunteers to keep the beds or provide the community herb garden and vegetable patches.

**AGREED**

(i) That the Town Clerk reviews the terms on which the Council are trustees;

(ii) That (subject to (i) above) the Council ask the residents of Wribbenhall and the wider town what they would like to see on the Green, and consider the responses at a subsequent meeting of the Millennium Green Management Group.

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**WYRE FOREST CALC**

Councillor Killingworth gave an update from CALC which included possible increases in the subscription fees and the latest consultation by DCLG in relation to the Neighbourhood Planning Bill. The update was noted.

**ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

The Town Clerk brought the following administrative matters to the attention of the Council:

- (i) 9<sup>th</sup> October, Vintage Antique and Handmade Market
- (ii) 10<sup>th</sup> October 7pm, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- (iii) 12<sup>th</sup> October 4pm, Budget Working Group
- (iv) 17<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm, Policy and Resources Committee
- (v) 19<sup>th</sup> October 2pm, Police Liaison Group (TBC)
- (vi) **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – Planning and Full Council**

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

**Mayor**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Town Council Meeting - Public Period****Questions raised by members of the public**

**Mr Mansell of Welch Gate** asked about what actions are being taken to alleviate air pollution in Welch Gate. This issue was to be discussed later as an agenda item. Mr Mansell also asked about whether the Medical Centre staff car park can be used for public parking at weekends and in the evenings. The Mayor commented that they had agreed to open it at busy periods such as town events, but not as a regular arrangement.

**Mrs Gill Holland of Beales Corner** asked how our public parks can be protected from development, making reference to Riverside North Park. Mrs Holland also thanked the Lengthsman for clearing weeds from the old Toll House area, but more work was required down towards the Bridge House car park. The trees/vegetation growing out of the quay walls were of concern but this was not within the remit of the Lengthsman. In relation to Cllr Coleman's report on the Welch Gate AQMA, Mrs Holland suggested that there are no sites suitable for car parking in Wribbenhall as proposed by the report.

**Mrs Dunkley of Welch Gate** raised concerns about the state of the Bridge and the weeds which are growing all along the span, and what action could be taken to clear the weeds. The Town Clerk reported that the Community Payback team had been to Severnside South, but they are not able to tackle the Bridge due to safety issues. Severnside North was not able to be done as the tables and chairs along the quayside caused accessibility issues.

**Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports**

There were no police representatives present but the monthly newsletter was circulated with no issues raised.

**District and County Councillor Reports**

Town, District and County Councillor Gordon Yarranton reported that work on the Trimpley drainage scheme started on Saturday morning.