



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON 17th August 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 J Byng, S Billett, R Coleman, S Collingridge, L Davies, C Edginton White, P Gittins MBE, P Harrison, H Lacy, M Maher, R Stanczyszyn, D Morehead, Deputy Mayor

In attendance: K Smith – Administration Assistant

9186 OPENING REMARK

The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Administration Assistant for agreeing to host the meeting in the Town Clerk's absence, and for the preparation work completed to ensure correct legal procedures had been adhered to.

9187 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE ANY COUNCIL MEMBER'S APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr H Lacy.

9188 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, Cllr C Edginton-White declared that she was a personal friend of the claimant, subject of Agenda item 9191, Ongoing Staffing Matters, and therefore wished to leave the meeting prior to commencement of the discussion .

9189 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

None requested

9190 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

9191 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **Approve** the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 23/07/2020 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

9192 ADOPT A PLANTER

Cllr A Coleman asked if any members had any questions or comments to make on the proposed Terms and Condition and Risk Assessment for the 'Adopt a Planter' scheme. Cllrs M Maher and L Davies commented on the positive nature of the proposal and felt that it should be given full backing.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to **Approve** the Terms and Condition and Risk Assessment for the 'Adopt a Planter' scheme.

9193 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 staff, legal matters or contractual arrangements, the publication of which would be prejudicial to the public interest.

Cllr C Edginton-White left the meeting at 7:07 PM

9194 ON-GOING STAFFING MATTERS

Cllr A Coleman clarified that this item was in relation to ongoing legal matters, and that members should consider the request to formally agree and approve the suggested wording of the legal agreement.

Cllr R Stanczyszyn complimented the wording of the document but requested that the Chair of the Staffing Committee be allowed to share his thoughts and recommendations before proceeding with voting.

Cllr P Harrison, Chair of Staffing Committee, stated that the wording of the document had previously been queried and amended, and he was therefore happy to recommend and propose approval. Cllr L Davies agreed to second, but requested a named vote for absolute clarity.

Votes For (5): Cllrs J Byng, R Coleman, M Maher, R Stanczyszyn,
D Morehead, S Billett, P Harrison, L Davies,
S Collingridge, P Gittins MBE and A Coleman, Mayor.

Votes Against (0)

Abstentions (0)

9195 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – 7th September 2020

The meeting closed at 7:12 PM

Signed
Mayor/Chairman
7th September 2020