



# BEWDLEY Town Council

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

### **PRESENT**

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

In attendance: Mr Nick Farress – Town Clerk  
Mrs Barbara Byng – Assistant Clerk  
Mr David Moore - Treasurer

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Yarranton.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Edginton-White declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Minute 8290 as an item of expenditure related to a business owned by a family member. Mrs Edginton-White left the meeting for this item.

Councillors Mrs Candlin, Mrs Davies and Miss Mace declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Minute 8291 as Trustees of Wribbenhall Parish Room and took no part in the debate or voting on this item.

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### **COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

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### **MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT**

The Mayor's list of engagements during April was circulated. Activities of particular note were Youth Makes Music concerts and the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacon at Crundalls Farm. The Mayor expressed a wish that a suitable place for a public Beacon should be found for future events. The Mayor also thanked Cllr Edmundson for attending the unveiling of the new organ at the Methodist Church, and thanked all Councillors for their support throughout her Mayoral year.

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### **MINUTES AGREED**

That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 4th April 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 for payment for April 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> April 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 £18,174.20
  - with Unity Bank deposit account of £10, 545.74
  - with Scottish Widows deposit account of £30,000.00
  - with Cambridge Building Society saver account of £30,000.00
  - with HMRC (VAT) of £10,545.74
- (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> April 2016 be noted.

NB: Councillor Edmundson took the Chair for this item as Councillor Edginton-White had left the room.

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### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Beeson presented the draft Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

#### **AGREED**

- (i) that a payment of £500 is made to Wribbenhall Parish Room;
- (ii) that the provisional year end accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be approved;
- (iii) that the updated asset register be noted.

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### **CONSULTATION ON ELECTORAL CYCLE FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

A questionnaire was received from Wyre Forest District Council who are proposing to move Town Council elections from 2018 to 2019 to be in line with their new "all out" arrangements. It was noted that the District Council have powers to alter the arrangements in any event.

#### **AGREED**

That the Council agree to "strongly support" the proposal as it would not be financially viable for this Council to hold elections separately and allows for some continuity.

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### **MARKETS AND EVENTS IN BEWDLEY**

The Town Clerk presented a report in relation to a new monthly market and arrangements for Christmas 2016 in Bewdley.

#### **AGREED**

- (i) that the Town Clerk be authorised to continue negotiations to establish a new market on Severnside South civic space, in collaboration with the existing market operator (BDT);

(ii) that the Town Clerk be authorised to review the Christmas Market and engage an operator to organise the 2016 Christmas Market and Switch On Event;

(iii) that matters relating to events and markets is delegated to the Community Development Committee and any working group established by it, including the formation of a markets and events strategy.

**8294 PACT MEETING (PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER)**

Councillor Beeson presented a report following the most recent PACT meeting which was noted.

**8295 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT WYRE FOREST**

Councillor Mace presented a report following a meeting of the Trustees on the 21<sup>st</sup> April which was noted.

**8296 PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

Councillor Mace presented a report following a meeting of the Group held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 which was noted.

**8297 CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) Correspondence from Bewdley Bike Week, BDT, Bewdley Festival and Bewdley Concert Band thanking the Council for grant funding was noted.

(ii) A letter from the NHS Trust in response to a letter written to them in relation to the GP Unit at Kidderminster Hospital was received. The letter from the NHS Trust was described as misleading and inaccurate and it was agreed that Councillors Miss Mace and Mrs Davies work with the Town Clerk on a suitable reply. Separate letters would also be sent to the Chair of both the CCG and the Wyre Forest Alliance Board.

**8298 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

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

(i) Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7pm, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

(ii) Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 4pm Staffing Committee

(iii) Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Mayor's Charity Ball, West Midlands Safari Park

(iv) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7pm, Annual Town Council Meeting (Mayor Making)

(v) Carnival Fireworks will be on Saturday night this year, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at dusk

(vi) Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Garden Party – Jubilee Gardens from 2pm

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

Mayor

6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## **Town Council Meeting - Public Period**

### **Questions raised by members of the public**

**Ian Williams of Maypole Close** raised concerns over the Public Right of Way leading from Wyre Hill to the play area. This matter had been referred to WCC and the Lengthsman had also been to tidy up the path as much as possible. Councillor Campion also agreed to look into this.

### **Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports**

The Police representative reported that there is currently three areas of concern affecting the town and surrounding areas; cars racing on Dog Lane car park, street drinkers and rogue traders. It was noted that there had been a police presence at Dog Lane car park and that the police had stopped six people on suspicion of anti-social behaviour.

### **District and County Councillor Reports**

Councillor Campion reported on the following:

- He now has a renewed “pot” of devolved funding for works to pavement and public rights of way. The pavement at the top end of Load Street between High Street and Welch Gate would be prioritised.
- Residents are encouraged to report any anti-social driving to police quoting offenders number plates. Councillor Candlin mentioned that there was also a problem in the Habberley Road area.
- A nuisance motorbike racing around Hales Park had been dealt with by police.
- Cllr R Coleman reported that the collapsed wall on Welch Gate/Sandy Bank is causing some concern and Cllr Campion agreed to ensure the area was made safe and repaired swiftly.