



BEWDLEY

Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JUNE 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY

PRESENT

Councillor Mr R Coleman (Mayor)
Councillor Mr J Beeson
Councillor Mr J Byng
Councillor Mrs L Candlin
Councillor Mrs A Coleman
Councillor Mrs E Davies
Councillor Mrs C Edginton-White
Councillor Mr P Edmundson
Councillor Mr P Harrison
Councillor Mr D Killingworth
Councillor Mr G Yarranton

In attendance: Star Powell, Young Mayor
Erin Boddice, Deputy Young Mayor
Nick Farress – Town Clerk
David Moore, Treasurer
6 Members of the Public

Before the meeting began, the Mayor formally announced the death of Councillor Mary Fishwick over the weekend and paid tribute to Mary and her commitment to this Council and to the town over many years.

8612 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Stephen Clee and District Councillor Rod Wilson.

8613 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Byng declared a Pecuniary Interest in Minute 8616 (payment of salaries) as his wife is a Council employee. Councillor Byng did not vote on this item.

8614 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

None

8615 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT

The Mayor went through his first month's engagements and thanked his deputy, Cllr Edmundson, for attending the RBL Fashion Show on his behalf. The Mayor then went on to remind Members about the careful use of social media, particularly with new data protection regulations coming into force. The Mayor announced that St George's Hall had offered the venue free of charge for a prostate cancer testing event which will be a charity fundraiser as well as a very important test for men over 40. The date for this event will be published in due course.

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MINUTES

AGREED

- (i) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th May 2018 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor.
- (ii) That the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 11th May 2018 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 May 2018 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 1st April 2018 to 31st May 2018.

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 £ £72,768.02
 - with Unity Bank deposit account of £10,564.60
 - with Scottish Widows deposit account of £30,252.29
 - with Cambridge Building Society saver account of £30,000.00
 - with HMRC (VAT) of £ £17,539.70
- (iii) that the reconciliation statement be noted;
- (iv) that the Council's income and expenditure for the current financial year from 1st April 2018 to 31st May 2018 be noted.

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ANNUAL RETURN 2017/18 – GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018 was presented to Councillors.

AGREED

That the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

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ANNUAL RETURN 2017/18 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

The Annual Financial Return for the 2017/2018 accounts including the opinion of the Internal Auditor were presented to Councillors.

AGREED

That the Annual Financial Return be approved for submission to the external auditor and signed by the Mayor.

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STANDING ORDERS – CORRECTION

AGREED

That the following corrections are made to the recently adopted Standing Orders as advised by NALC:

- (i) SO 17 d(ii) - Section 1 is now the Annual Governance Statement and section 2 contains the Accounting Statements;
- (ii) SO 17 e – now includes that “the Annual Governance Statement must be approved before the Accounting Statements and shall be two separate Minuted items in that order”.

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GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018

The Town Clerk and the Chairman of Worcestershire CALC, Cllr Killingworth, presented a report on the new Regulation which came into force on the 25th May 2018.

AGREED

- (i) To note the steps already taken by the Council in respect to the new Regulation and to note work in progress;
- (ii) To approve the following documents:
 - Updated Data Protection Policy (BTC019);
 - Privacy Notice for residents;
 - Privacy Notice for councillors and employees.

8622 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of a meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 21st May 2018 were noted.

8623 PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on the 2nd May were noted.

8624 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- (i) 6th June, Planning Committee 6.00pm, Guildhall
- (ii) 9th June, Bewdley Carnival
- (iii) 11th June, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 7.00pm, Guildhall
- (iv) 18th June, Policy and Resources Committee 4.00pm, Guildhall

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm

Signed.....
Mayor/Chairman
Meeting of the Town Council – 2nd July 2018

Town Council Meeting - Public Period

Questions raised by members of the public

Issues raised by members of the public were:

- Tributes were paid to Cllr Mary Fishwick, Gill Holland and Nigel Bowker who will all be missed from the community in Bewdley.
- Grass cutting and general cleansing before bank holidays and busy days.
- Lack of benches in the open space next to Dog Lane car park.
- HGVs using the town centre as a general route, ignoring the weight limit signs.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

There were no police representatives at the meeting and no report had been received.

District and County Councillor Reports and Questions

County and District Councillor Vale addressed the following issues:

- Speeding on Dowles Road is being monitored;
- Highways scoping exercise is ongoing in relation to town centre congestion and road safety issues;
- Cllr Vale is putting forward some funding for the installation of an electric car charging point in Bewdley;

- Sandy Bank - yellow lines and the successful enforcement of inconsiderate parking is ongoing;
- Bridge repairs are taking longer than planned due to the sourcing of the appropriate materials which need to be approved by Historic England.

District Councillor Nick Harris addressed the following issues:

- Paid tribute to Cllr Fishwick as she was always a supporter of the younger generation;
- Fence repair in Laxton Dr/Derwent Dr has been completed;
- New signage is being organised for the new car park to emphasise the one-way system;
- Cllr Coleman's request for more gulley cleansing will be looked into.
- Cllr Beeson's request that grass cutting and general tidying be carried out before the Carnival on the 9th June will be looked into.

County Councillor Ian Hardiman addressed the following issues:

- B4195 Blackstone - this pavement has become much narrowed by overgrowth and Highways have agreed to carry out siding out works here in the interests of safety;
- Lodge Close parking problems - the agreed double yellow lines are scheduled for installation during July;
- Beale's Corner parking both sides of the road, causing frequent hold-ups and congestion;
- B4190 Kidderminster Road flooding - the area by the crossing, near to All Saints Church is continually flooding during rainfall;
- Zebra crossing, Catchem's End - sturdy tactile paving will be installed quite soon;
- A456 non-reflecting cats eyes - owing to an administrative error, the cats eyes from the island to the bottom of the By-Pass have not yet been replaced;
- A456 pavement opposite the Safari Park - overhanging branches and necessary siding out;
- A456 Between Wribbenhall and Kidderminster - Highways to consider reducing the present National Speed Limit (60mph) to 40 mph, to help reduce the frequency of accidents here;
- Northwood Lane speeding concerns - speed checking for this lane has been requested;
- Wribbenhall Stourport Road Parking: Whilst a TRO for Bus Bay Parking has been installed opposite the High School, the District Council cannot yet carry out enforcement until they receive an updated TRO Agreement Notice from W.C.C. Also, county officers have agreed to meet with an officer from the District Council and the Head Teacher to discuss extending the Leisure Centre Car park for Buses and Coaches and to discuss future governance and use of the site.