



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st AUGUST 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 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 Kyle Daisley – Community Engagement Officer

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Liz Davies, District Councillor Rebecca Vale and David Moore (Treasurer).

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

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MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT

The Mayor reported on a busy month with particular mention of Jenny Paddock's retirement party where the Mayor presented her with the Civic Award, the Tempest in Jubilee Gardens and the Emergency Services Hub consultation. The Mayor thanked Cllr Edmundson for attending both the Regatta and Civic Society Executive on his behalf, and to Cllr Mrs Edginton-White for standing in at several events to represent the Town Council.

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MINUTES AGREED

That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 4th July 2016 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor with some minor amendments to Councillor Yarranton's report.

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ACCOUNTS

The Council considered the revised schedule of accounts and payments for July 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 1st April 2016 to 31st July 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 £58,795.87
- 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 £4,813.95

(iii) that the reconciliation statement be noted;

(iv) that the Council's income and expenditure for the current financial year from 1st April 2016 to 31st July 2016 be noted.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Candlin presented the Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on the 18th July 2016.

AGREED

That the Minutes be accepted and noted including the following items:

(i) that WCC/St Anne's Church/West Mercia Police be approached to improve "business open as usual" signage and enforcement of current traffic management arrangements whilst the Church roof is being repaired;

(ii) that "Fairtrade" status is pursued;

(iii) that progress made by the Events and Markets Working Group is noted and the new programme of events and markets is agreed.

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PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AT SANDBOURNE DR.

As referred by the Community Development Committee, the Council considered a consultation on placing new TROs (yellow lines) in Sandbourne Drive to keep junction entrances clear of obstruction.

AGREED

It was agreed to raise no objection to the proposals.

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TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Edmundson presented a report proposing a new Town Councillor surgery to be held once a month during the Local Produce Market. The Mayor's Parlour could be used for anyone wishing to speak to a Councillor in private. It was noted that not all Councillors are available to attend on Sundays but the attendances should be shared amongst as many Councillors as possible.

AGREED

That the proposal be accepted and that the first Councillor Surgery will take place on the 4th September 2016.

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WYRE FOREST CALC

Councillor Killingworth presented a verbal report updating the Council about the latest news from the County Association of Local Councils (CALC) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) which was noted.

8346 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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

- (i) 7th August, Local Produce Market (first organised by BTC)
- (i) 14th August, Vintage, Antiques and Handmade Market
- (ii) 15th August, Policy and Resources Committee, 6.30pm Guildhall
- (iii) 22nd August, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, 7pm Guildhall

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Mayor

5th September 2016

Town Council Meeting - Public Period

Questions raised by members of the public

Mr Mansell of Welch Gate raised concerns about the following:

- (i) Welch Gate air quality and associated highway improvements;
- (ii) Traffic diversions in the town centre as a result of the works to St Anne's Church;
- (iii) Banners for the Heavy Horse Festival being removed by WFDC when local events should be being supported.

Mr Ian Williams asked for an update as to when the pathway leading to Wyre Hill Play Area is to be resurfaced.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

There were no police representatives present, but the written report was circulated and the content noted.

District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Rod Wilson praised the new Leisure Centre, and also the monthly lunch club run by the Together Group and Reaching Out. He also reported that the police had been issuing tickets for contravening the "no entry" temporary signs into Load Street, and also for speeding motorcyclists on the bypass.

County and District Councillor Champion thanked the St Anne's traffic management company and the police for accommodating requests made to control the traffic more efficiently. In answer to a public question, Councillor Champion said that funds to resurface the pathway leading to Wyre Hill Play Area would be made available in the 2017/2018 budget. The collapsed wall in Welch Gate is to be dealt with in September

Town, District and County Councillor Gordon Yarranton hoped that the Town Council would support the proposed TRO on Sandbourne Drive, and reported that 60 minute only parking bays were to be installed outside the Queensway shops. He also reported that work would commence on improvements to the Shaw Hedge Road play area in August, with any surpluses potentially spent on tackling the problem of skateboarders in Gardener's Meadow.