



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30 March 2022 at 7.30pm at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield AL10 0AN

PRESENT:

Councillor Richard Griffiths – Mayor

Councillor Caron Juggins
Councillor M. Eames-Petersen
Councillor Tim Rowse
Councillor Tristan Wiltshire

Councillor Linda Mendez
Councillor Hazel Laming
Councillor James Bond

OFFICERS:

Samantha Frake (Acting Town Clerk)
Alastair Ogilvie (Head of Estates)

88. ANNOUNCEMENT BY TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and reiterated that good meeting practice is to be observed to ensure all have the opportunity to speak.

89. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted by Council from Councillor John Percival who was unable to attend due to family reasons, received and accepted by Council from Councillor Jackie Brennan who was unable to attend due to family reasons, received and accepted by Council from Councillor Rory Craig who was unable to attend due to work commitments and received and accepted by Council from Councillor Richard Brisbin who was unable to attend due to work commitments.

No apologies were received from Cllr MacKay.

90. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

Cllr Griffiths declared an interest in item 6 as he has worked with Justin Burgess and knows him personally. Cllr Eames-Petersen declared an interest in item 8 as the Ward Councillor for Aviation Avenue.

91. QUESTION TIME

Mr James Broach asked for an update as to what the situation was with Howe Dell Hall being used by Howe Dell School, Cllr Wiltshire along with Head of Operations answered Mr Broach explaining that the Town Council were

investigating the possibility of the school taking over the lease to Howe Dell Hall. The school are currently using the hall for wrap around care which is vitally important to the school community.

HCC & WHBC have stipulated that due to the Section 106 agreement the school would need to make the hall available to hire to the wider community if they were to take over the lease. Head of Operations agreed to update Mr Broach and he stated he was very happy with the information he was given.

Mrs O'Boy asked Cllrs what could be done about the litter in South Hatfield, Cllrs agreed that it is the remit of WHBC but that we need to be bringing pressure upon them to rectify this problem. Councillors also mentioned the Clean Up Hatfield campaign that is currently running, Head of Operations stated that HTC staff take part in the campaign.

92. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2022 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

93. COVID MEMORIAL REQUEST

Members received a request from Mr Justin Burgess of J J Burgess & Sons to place a COVID Memorial in Coronation Gardens. It was agreed that this was a lovely idea and members would like to see his idea regarding design, Head of Estates will find a suitable position in Coronation Gardens.

RESOLVED that the Acting Town Clerk contact Mr J Burgess and ask him for his design.

(Action; Acting Town Clerk & Head of Estates)

94. PROPOSED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/2023

A basic calendar was presented to Members which meets statutory requirements but allows a degree of flexibility in how the Town Council meets its duties going forward. It is intended that any proposed structures, terms of references and changes to the Standing Orders are presented to the Full Council in May for their consideration and approval.

Please note that there will continue to be a Planning Committee in any new structure. However, meetings of the Planning Committee need to fit in with the relevant planning timetables as set out by Hertfordshire County Council and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. Therefore, we have placed 3 planning committee meetings in the schedule with the expectation that more will be added as and when required.

RESOLVED to accept the proposed calendar of meetings for 2022/2023 keeping the start time at 7.30pm and that the new Town Clerk will also publish a calendar for the sub-committee meetings.

(Action; Town Clerk)

HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
2022/23

MAY	4	Elections 5 May 2022	DEC	7	RESOURCES
	11	ANNUAL COUNCIL		14	PLANNING
	18			21	
	25			28	
			2023		
JUNE	1		JAN		
	8	RESOURCES		11	
	15			18	COUNCIL
	22	COUNCIL		25	
	29				
JULY	6		FEB	1	
	13	PLANNING		8	RESOURCES
	20			15	
	27			22	
AUG	3		MAR	1	
	10			8	COUNCIL
	17			15	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
	24			22	
	31			29	
SEPT	7		APR	5	
	14			12	
	21	COUNCIL		19	
	28			26	
OCT	5		MAY	3	Elections 4 May 2023
	12	PLANNING		10	
	19	RESOURCES		17	ANNUAL COUNCIL
	26			24	
			31		
NOV	2		JUNE	7	RESOURCES
	9	COUNCIL		14	
	16			21	COUNCIL
	23			28	
	30				

Easter 2023 – Good Friday 7 April Easter Monday 10 April

95. AVIATION AVENUE REQUEST FROM VISTRY

A request was received from Vistry, the developer of Aviation Way asking the council to consider adopting the green space at Aviation Way now that the play equipment is being removed. It was felt that the anti social behaviour in the area is more than likely to continue even without the play area and therefore the decision remains the same.

RESOLVED not to adopt the green space at Aviation Way and for the Acting Town Clerk to correspond with Vistry.

(Action; Acting Town Clerk)

96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Council is 11th May 2022.

Closure: 8.39pm

Mayor