



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

19th APRIL 2018

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs C Cross, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr J Holland, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr G Guest, Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn, Cllr T Morris, Cllr N Murphy, WCC Cllr Mrs P Williams.

Section A Council

338. Apologies: It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Eddy, WDC Cllr N Butler, Cllr Mrs J Darcy.

339. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Ashford, The Mayor, Cllr R Edgington, Mrs M A Grainger all declared an interest as District Councillors. Cllrs P S Birdi & J Holland declared an interest as a County Councillor.

340. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th February 2018 – it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

341. Mayor's Announcements - The Mayor summarised the events he had attended since the last meeting. An overview was given on the success of his Civic Dinner and the forthcoming Charity Walk.

342. Matt Western MP to address the Council on issues relating to Warwick.

Mr Western thanked Councillors for inviting him and also thanked them for being Councillors.

He stressed the importance of democracy and the work that Councillors carry out. An overview was given on his role in government and the committees that he represented. A discussion was held about the local economy, local focus on the house rental market and changes in consumer spending in the high street.

Councillors raised questions around infrastructure and planning concerns and the challenges facing Warwick. National funding formula for local schools was discussed. Support was offered to Councillors who were encouraged to contact Mr Western with their concerns.

343. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors

A report was sent from Cllr N Butler giving Councillors an update on Linen Street Car Park.

St Mary's Lands – the following progress had been made:

The relaying of the footpath along Gog Brook from the Hampton Road; The wooden fence that runs from the Saltisford entrance of the racecourse has been re-sited back to the racecourse rail. There are autumn crocuses growing in the area around the fence. To protect them there will be some fencing erected which will be close to the fence and those parts of the fence that do not have crocuses growing will have a hedge planted to soften the outlook in the same way as the remainder of the fence is hidden.

This work has opened a large tract of green space to the public and allow direct access to Jubilee Wood from the Saltisford entrance. You will have noticed that the wooden gate at the Linen Street end of the area has been locked in an open position and the final piece of work here is to remove a section of the metal fence at the Saltisford entrance to allow public access at that point. This is due to be done within the next 10 days.

The repairs to the roof at RCW and improvements the toilets which will then be open to the public

The new racecourse entrance has been officially opened

The cycle route through the racecourse has been agreed and discussions are continuing how it will be lit.

The budget for the next phase of £817k was agreed at the last WDC Executive meeting which will attract further external investment of £371k. Therefore, a total of £1.1M to be invested in St Mary's Lands during the next phase.

Leper Hospital – Approval has been gained for the regeneration of the site. £530K committed towards the costs.

St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre – the centre has reopened after a substantial refurbishment. Official opening on the 21st April. It was noted that the membership had increased and the works are seen to be an positive financial investment promoting the aim of increasing everyone Active.

WCC Cllr J Holland updated Councillors regarding the central roadworks, delays with the new lift and the railway station. Traffic congestion at the Longbridge roundabout and the reasons behind it. An update regarding the Fusiliers Museum at St Johns and progress with the Children Centre's changes.

Cllr Mrs P Williams advised Councillors of the how the Children in Care Council progressed and the outcome. An update was given about recruitment of Social Workers and the areas that they are working in. She has been working with Highways to ensure that the paths in the area are disabled friendly and also obtaining new signage at Woodloes School.

Cllr PS Birdi explained to Councillors how the Community Forum was progressing and also highlighted potential issues and benefits to the developments on Europa Way.

344. Reports of Plans Committee

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 20th March and 17th April 2018.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 20th March and 17th April 2018.

Cllr Murphy highlighted, the last items of the planning meeting held on the 17th April, to Councillors regarding the agreement to appeal against the development south of Gallows Hill.

345. Reports of Committees

To receive and adopt the reports of the following committee's:

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Finance & Policy 27th March 2018

Community & Culture 12th April 2018

Economic & Tourism 11th April 2018

It was resolved to accept the minutes for Community & Culture 12th April 2018

Economic & Tourism 11th April 2018 and Finance and Policy 27th March 2018

346. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2018/19

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for Mayor Elect for the year 2018/19 – it was unanimously agreed that Cllr R Eddy be made Mayor Elect for this time period.

Nominations were also requested for Deputy Mayor Elect – it was also unanimously agreed that Cllr N Murphy became Deputy Mayor Elect for the same period 2018/19.

At this point the Mayor departed to attend a function. The Leader Cllr Mrs MA Grainger was proposed to Chair the meeting and all agreed.

347. To answer members questions

Cllr PSBirdi thanked the Mayor for an enjoyable Civic Dinner.

Section B General Purposes

348. Public Question Time A resident made an enquiry following the discussion of lighting provision at St Mary's Lands – namely the area from Linen Street to Sainsbury's Cllr Holland advised that this area was planned to be lit as part of the overall project.

349. Boundary Commission – consultation response 11.6.18 Following a discussion it was resolved to support the submission as a Council. The names of wards were questioned, and Councillors were encouraged to make their own feedback.

350. GDPR 25th May 2018 – TC to update

The Town Clerk advised Councillors that she would be contacting them to organise training in small groups.

351. Finance and Policy Committee May 2018 – change of date to the 2nd from the 16th. – It was resolved to make the amendment.

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