



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

23rd February 2017

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr S P Cross, Cllr D DaCruz, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr R Eddy, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr G Guest, Cllr J Holland, Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn, Cllr N Murphy.

Cllr N Butler WDC, Cllr A Warner WCC

Section A Council

322. Prayers

323. Apologies: It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr T Morris and Cllr J St John WCC

324. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Ashford, Cllr S Cross, Cllr R Edgington, Mrs M A Grainger & Cllr N Murphy all declared an interest as District Councillors – regarding item 7.

325. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th January 2017 – it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

326. Mayor's Announcements - The Mayor shared details on the engagements she had attended so far, this year. A reminder was given to Councillors about forthcoming events.

327. Car parks – Paul Garrison Warwick District Council to provide an update. WDC Cllr N Butler introduced Project Manager Paul Garrison from WDC explaining the background to the project "A Car Parking Strategy for the District. The focus of this presentation was the Linen Street Car Park Displacement Consultation. The displacement plan was reviewed with the Councillors - outlining proposed alternative parking areas, during the closure of Linen Street car park, for residents/permit holders/ long stay and short stay workers/visitors. The impact on stakeholders was considered alongside the financial implications. Councillors were involved in a discussion and they raised concerns about the proposed alternative sites, the impact on the new one way road system being introduced and the timing of this with the new car parking charges being applied. Timescales for introduction needed to be clarified and the impact on the plans made by the St Mary's Land Stakeholder Group. It was not clear what the future was for the Linen Street Car park site and the long-term need for additional parking was also a major concern. An update will be provided

at the next Economic and Tourism meeting.

328. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors.

Cllr N Butler provided a report to Councillors:

St Mary's Land – Consultants have been instructed to review the need for a Hotel in Warwick. They will report in April and present to the SML working party. New Plans for signage are being discussed. The Racecourse has withdrawn its plans to change their entrance following feedback, they will reapply. Toilet facilities at the Golf Centre and Racing Club Warwick to be improved and open to the public. A debate was held about the cycle track proposed which will be reported on at the next Full Council meeting.

Town Centre Management – A small group has been set up to review the purpose of the group and build a new strategy.

Proposed Bridge over the River Avon and improvements to Myton Fields Car Park – A feasibility study has been agreed looking at two initiatives. One will be the bridge and the second the possibility of improvements to Myton Fields to enable it to be a car park all year round.

Travellers – A report on how sites at risk can be secured and how the process can be changed to speed up removal. This item will be discussed at Economic and Tourism 12th April 2017.

Cllr A Warner advised that the plans for the new road system are being phased in. Launch of the new Market Hall museum was considered a great success.

329. Reports of Plans Committee

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 30th January, 21st February 2017.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 30th January & 21st February 2017.

330. Reports of Committees

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

Allotments 6th February 2017

Community & Culture 7th February 2017

Economic & Tourism 15th February 2017

It was resolved to accept the minutes for all the above committees.

331. To answer member's questions

Cllr T Morris asked the TC to propose a question in his absence regarding the Priory Road Consultation. Cllr Morris believed that these areas currently offer free parking for a maximum of 2x hours for non W2 permit holders. Changing this to Pay and Display is likely to displace vehicles to other local roads without the restriction. He would propose that the best approach would be a holistic one - install Pay & Display in all of W2. Cllr A Warner & Cllr J Holland agreed to review this at County level and feedback to Cllr Morris.

Cllr J Holland asked the Town Clerk to write to Chris Elliott CEO Warwick District Council to clarify the District's stance regarding the implementation of a Unitary Authority.

Section B General Purposes

332. Public Question Time

Following the successful relaunch of the Market Museum a request was made for the Town Clerk to ask the organisers to label where the Myton Brooch, now on display, was found and bring back the Anglo Saxon female skeleton which has created interest in the past.

333. Formally approve Mr Bryan Johnson being made Freeman of the Town. At the last Economic and Tourism meeting a discussion was held as the Town Council has been approached to consider recognition in some suitable way for Mr Bryan Johnson of the Yeomanry who as well as being decorated with the British Empire Medal in 1980, he is also the recipient of the Légion d'honneur medal from the French Government for his part in the Liberation of the French Town of Bethune in 1944. Cllr G Guest had proposed and it was agreed that Mr Johnson should be presented the Freeman of the Town. All Councillors agreed and it was resolved to present this prestigious award at Mayor Making in May, this year.

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