



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

### MINUTES

Present:

Mayor Cllr R Edgington (Chair)  
Cllr M Ashford  
Cllr PS Birdi  
Cllr S Cross  
Cllr J Darcy  
Cllr R Eddy  
Cllr Mrs MA Grainger  
Cllr O Jacques  
Cllr T Morris  
Cllr N Murphy  
Cllr Ms M Noone  
Cllr D Skinner

#### Section A Council

**94. Prayers** – read by Rev V Roberts.

**95. Apologies** – Cllr Mrs L Butler, Cllr N Butler and Cllr J Tracey submitted their apologies – it was resolved to accept them.

**96. Declarations of Interest** – None.

**97. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th May & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
It was resolved to approve both sets of minutes as a true record.

**98. Mayor's Announcements** – The Mayor Councillor R Edgington reviewed the engagements he had attended stating what an honour it was to be Mayor of Warwick. A request was made to Councillors to respond to invitations – even if

they could not attend.

## **99. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors.**

WCC Councillor J Holland – The focus now is the current financial situation and potential merger of Councils. We all need to work together for the benefit of the Town.

Children in care has increased from 600- 900. Corporate carers of Warwick' children are WDC & WCC – briefing sessions and training for Councils is being organised for those Councils.

Care of our older residents is a focus – the Government are providing a Strategy before Christmas it is key that the Councils work together on this strategy once known.

A property Company is being established to manage the buildings owned by WCC in the Town. A lot of discussions are being held in private session. Councillors can view a Town Centre plan, agreed about 8 years ago. It is available on the WDC website – there are about 20 projects – these are being progressed.

Cllr Mrs MA Grainger asked Cllr Holland about the use of Barrack Street carpark. With the loss of Linen Street Car Park and WCC staff not returning to work it would be a benefit for the Town, if all levels of the Barrack Street carpark were opened to the public. Cllr Holland advised that WCC staff were returning using flexible working and a detailed plan on numbers was being worked on. The residents parking zone has been extended.

WCC Councillor PS Birdi – Green shoots scheme is in place and Clean Air Warwick have submitted a grant application for a subsidised bus.

WCC Councillor J Darcy – encouraged Councillors to complete the Bus Service Improvement Survey.

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/bus-service-improvement-plan>

Cllr Darcy has spent some of her delegated budget on two bus shelters.

Ward Councillors for Woodloes and All Saints were asked to lobby Highways to support requests for improved parking in and around Woodloes Avenue South.

WDC Liam Bartlett – send a report Appendix 1

## **100. Reports of Plans Committee**

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 16th June & 15th July 2021.

It was resolved to approve both sets of minutes as a true record.

## **101. Reports of Committees**

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

Allotments 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Economic & Tourism 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Community & Culture 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Finance & Policy 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

It was resolved to approve all of the minutes above as a true record.

Cllr R Eddy noted that WIB competition has received a record number of entrants

50 residents have entered.

**102. To answer member's questions**

Cllr T Morris raised a question regarding the recent motion to change standing Orders, to change the start time of Council meetings to 6pm. He was not present at the meetings where this decision was made. He appreciates that we are unable to change motions for 6 months without 5 Councillors making a relevant case to the Town Clerk. He will write to Councillors to ask their views.

Cllr M Ashford raised a concern about electric scooters – particularly in St Nicholas Park – where he had received complaints from residents regarding reckless, illegal usage. It was resolved for the Town Clerk to write to the PSCOs to determine required legislation.

Cllr O Jacques raised a question regarding Electric Buses. A pilot is taking place in Coventry and an electric bus are being used by National Grid which residents can use.

**Section B General Purposes**

**103. Public Question Time - None**

**104. Boundary review 2023** – A discussion was held around the proposed changes. Councillors were asked to submit their views individually to the Boundary Commission and also to the Town Clerk to submit a Town Response. The deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.

**105. St Mary Church – road closures** – the plans were reviewed and accepted.

**106. Committee membership – review plans committee.** A request was made to move Cllr J Tracey from Planning and replace him with Cllr N Murphy. It was resolved to approve and all were in favour.

Signed..... Dated.....