



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

11th MARCH 2021

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor Councillor Terry Morris

Councillor PS Birdi	Councillor Mrs L Butler
Councillor N Butler	
Councillor R Edgington	Councillor Ms J Darcy
Councillor Mrs MA Grainger	Councillor O Jacques
Councillor N Murphy	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor Ms M Noone	Councillor J Tracey

Section A Council

220. Prayers read by Jane Sault

221. Apologies – apologies received from Cllr M Ashford & Cllr R Eddy. It was resolved to accept these apologies.

222. Declarations of Interest: Cllr S Cross & Cllr O Jacques Sea Scout Grant.
Cllr J Tracy Emscote & All Saints PTA grant.

223. Approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 21st January 2021.

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

Matters arising – Minute 169 – Consultation regarding moving houses into Bishop's Tachbrook. No evidence found to show that the Town Council was consulted. It was agreed to escalate this as we were not consulted correctly. It was felt that it should be clarified if there was evidence of others being consulted or if this cannot be found either. Calculations have been asked for, to get a breakdown of how the precept numbers are sourced.

224. Mayor's Announcements. Cllr T Morris summarised the activities he had been involved with, be they limited due to restrictions. Thanks, passed to The Visitors Information Centre team for their support in raising £2,165 to Myton Hospice

through the tree of light dedications.

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

Cllr Mrs P Williams WCC advised that monies have been approved for road improvements on Emscote Road. Cycle routes will be improved and connected with other routes. Woodloes Avenue Cycle route is also being completed. COVID vaccinations – amazing effort in the District.

Cllr J Holland WCC advised that elections are imminent as they come to the end of their term in office. COVID has dictated actions for the last year – looking at recovery changes to work patterns will change. Tourism will need a lot of support moving forwards.

Cllr PS Birdi WCC – thanks to Town Clerk and Town Councillors for their support over the last 4 years – as Councillors the WCC Councillors have worked well together.

The number of volunteers do so much good work in Warwick which should be noted.

Cllr J Grey WDC provided a report (Appendix 1)

226. Reports of Plans Committee

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 28th January & 25th February 2021. It was resolved to accept the minutes for both meetings as a true record.

227. Reports of Committees

To receive and adopt the reports of the following committees:

Allotments 4th February 2021

It was requested that tree removal be reviewed on Canal Side and that should Trees be removed they should be replaced. The Lease for PEAS has now been signed. For the remaining sites volunteers have come forward to progress self management for them.

Economic & Tourism 18th February 2021

Cllr N Butler updated Councillors on progress as champion for the Common Wealth games.

Community & Culture 11th February 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes of all meetings.

228. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2021/22

The Town Clerk had asked for nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the new administration. Our current Deputy Mayor Cllr R Edgington was elected to become Mayor Elect and Cllr PS Birdi was elected to become Deputy Mayor Elect.

Review procedure for nominations - Cllr Mrs MA Grainger proposed that previous service was accounted for when determining positions to be Mayor. Cllr N Butler had been a Town Councillor in 2007. This should be taking into consideration when considering his position to be Mayor. Also, as our current Mayor had been dramatically affected by COVID Restrictions that he be given chance to be Mayor again after the elections. This was a one of situation due to COVID.

The proposal was for Cllr T Morris to be Mayor in 2023, if re-elected followed by Cllr N Butler in 2024 then for the current process of highest votes be applied.

229. To answer members' questions – Cllr R Edgington asked a question regarding the Leper hospital – The Mayor responded that WDC were looking at legal options to complete ownership to allow the building to be regenerated. Appeals will be considered by the Secretary of State.

Cllr MA Grainger asked about progress for the Visitor Information Centre revamp. Cllr Edgington responded that the Custodian was removing the Rotunda, electricians, and carpet fitters organised so we are ready to open in April.

Section B General Purposes

230. Public Question Time – none present

231. Grant Applications

Citizen's Advice £5K - approved

Sea Scouts £5k – approved.

Emscote & All Saints PTA - £5k - application to be expanded to explain about community access – approved.

232. Approve date changes for meetings.

Plans in May 2021- from the 6th to the 5th.

Annual Town Meeting from the 8th April to the 14th October 2021.

It was resolved to approve the changes.

233. Councillor's objectives 2020/21 – Cllr N Butler advised that the plan can be handed over to the Town Clerk to manage. Good progress has been made 20 objectives, 16 allocated to Councillors, 13 have produced updates. Formal adoption is requested and an agreement for the document to be reviewed. It was resolved to adopt and put on the agenda for future Finance and Policy committee meeting agendas. Biannual review by Full Council. Thanks passed to Cllr N Butler for his management of this project.

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