



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

18th OCTOBER 2018

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr J Holland
Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn, Cllr T Morris, Cllr N Murphy. WCC Cllr Mrs P Williams

Section A Council

192. Apologies: It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr Mrs C Cross, Cllr S Cross, Cllr G Guest and WDC Cllr N Butler.

193. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Ashford, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Mrs M A Grainger, Cllr Edgington and Cllr T Morris all declared an interest as District Councillors.

Cllr J Holland declared an interest as a County Councillor.

194. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd August 2018

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

195. Mayor's Announcements –

The Mayor summarised the events he had attended since the last meeting. Thanks, given to Cllr N Murphy, Deputy Mayor, for his support to the Mayor during his absence.

The Mayor reminded Councillors of forthcoming dates requiring their attendance. Thanks also given to the Castle for hosting the evening service on Remembrance Day.

196. Eurocamp 2018

The four students presented a summary of the two weeks they enjoyed in Saumur, highlighting the activities and experiences they had. Firm friendships between the towns were made and personal benefits were visible to see. The Students spoke highly about the organisation and thanked the Town Council for allowing them to attend. Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn thanked them for attending and sharing their time and views of Eurocamp 2018. She stressed the importance of this link continuing for

the benefit of Warwick Youth and generations in the future.

197. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors

WDC Cllr N Butler sent a report summarising the progress at St Mary's Lands.

The circular track has been resurfaced benefiting mothers with buggies and mobility scooters.

Racing Club Warwick - The Community room has been completed it has 20 community groups using it and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has been laid and is open for use. The next stage is to install lighting and raise the fencing to retain balls within the MUGA. This will need planning permission.

The plans for a hotel on site are currently on hold pending a flood assessment of the area where it is proposed to be sited.

The refurbishment work at Corp of Drums has been completed. The cycle route through the racecourse has been agreed and discussions are continuing on how it will be lit.

The frontage of Hill Close Gardens has been improved, they await the result of a bid they have put into the Lottery Fund.

WDC are continuing to have monthly structural inspections on the Linen Street car park. The condition is not thought to have deteriorated. WDC have met with the company that do the structural inspections to discuss the longer-term future of the car park, i.e. what may be happening within the concrete/rebars. WDC will be commissioning a more detailed survey called 'Half Cell Mapping' which is likely to happen early next Spring, due to the weather conditions needed to carry out this work.

WDC will be introducing RingGo in Warwick car parks. This is the Parking app/cashless payment option and should be ready to go live by late November in time for Xmas shopping!

West Rock car park is planned for resurfacing and installation of lighting. There will also be changes to the layout which should be an improvement on the current situation. This was originally going to be done in November but following concerns from the Chamber of Trade has been deferred to the new year.

New parking machines that will take card payments have been ordered. The installation dates are still to be confirmed.

Lepers' Hospital: The plans for a Supported Housing scheme together with St Basils for Homeless & vulnerable young adults were not supported by WCC so was aborted. The current plan is a residential scheme for around 12 flats in a new build block for general needs but there are issues about parking still to be resolved. Also, to be resolved is the purchase of the land from the current owner and these discussions are ongoing.

The Playbox theatre could not use its car park because the access which was through Aylesford School had been closed off. This was causing many problems including dangerous parking on the Stratford road and was putting the future of this important asset to the town in jeopardy. WDC made a loan to them to allow an access road to be built which opened up the car park for use once again and so secured the Theatre's immediate future.

WCC Cllr Mrs P Williams shared with Councillors the good news following the announcement that Warwickshire had the strongest economy in the Country alongside three Companies receiving the Queens Award for industry. There was a positive attendance at the recent Bike Race, supporting the local economy. Praise given to the Poppy Project at St Mary's Church. A recent CQC inspection of Care Services locally received a "Good" rating across the board. Public Consultation for Northgate Junction received a positive response – work will commence next spring.

WCC Cllr J Holland was concerned about the outcome of the Leper Hospital.

He also raised concerns about the aforementioned flood risk assessment for a future hotel at St Mary's Lands as the Flood Risk Authority have not been consulted yet. Cllr Holland advised that there had been a change of Officers and Members at the County Council. He also updated Councillors regarding progress with Westgate Arch.

Cllr T Morris expressed his disappointment regarding the Leper Hospital and support for future plans, he also updated Councillors on planning.

198. Reports of Plans Committee

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 5th September and 3rd October 2018.

199. Reports of Committees

It was resolved to accept the minutes for the
Allotments Committee of the 10th September & 8th October 2018,
Finance and Policy Committee of the 11th October 2018,
Community & Culture Committee of the 6th September 2018
Economic & Tourism Committee of the 4th October 2018.

Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Trade, wished to thank Cllr R Edginton for his Campaign "#Buy2Warwick" and for reinstating the Ambassadors through the Summer.

Cllr Mrs M A Grainger also seconded thanks.

200. To answer members questions

None

Section B General Purposes

201. Public Question Time - none

202. Planning Committee –

It was agreed to amend this Committee due to Cllr M Ashford being seconded back onto the WDC Planning – Cllr Mrs L Bolton will replace. All agreed.

Cllr R Edginton stated that he was happy to carryout planning training when needed.

203. Mayor Making – due to election year the date for this meeting needs to be changed to 21st May 2019 – approved. All agreed

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