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FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

Cllrs M McDonald (Mayor), J Ebbs, B Duffy, T Harris, T Neville, T O'Neill, G Stockton, M Rigley, A Chesters.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Platt - Town Clerk

Cllr Dakin – Shropshire County Councillor, Barrie White (PRESS) and x3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Sinnott – Holiday

Cllr Stones – Illness

Cllr Slater – Absent without reason

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr O'Neill. It was **WTC/70/1516 RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on **19th Nov 2015** be signed as a true and accurate record thereof of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Stockton was tasked with having a discussion with Paul Sutton (Shropshire Housing Group) to inform him of the land owned by Whitchurch Town Council being reduced in price.

5. TO RECEIVE THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MONTH 8 (Copy already circulated)

The Accounts for Month 8 were proposed by Cllr Chesters that they were fine. This was seconded by Cllr Stockton. It was **WTC/71/1516 RESOLVED** to accept the Month 8 Finances.

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Council of St Alkmund's Church window appeal has been launched. The Civic reception with the Citizen of the Year was a great success paid thanks to all who helped.

On the 12th December DLB Photography opened in Whitchurch, and we wish them all the success in the business venture.

7. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

None

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

After a proposal by Cllr Neville and seconded by Cllr Harris; it was **WTC/72/1516 RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders.

Bill Williams, a resident, raised an issue relating to the lay-by on the A49 by Prees Heath was regularly being used by truckers for their breaks and more besides. The problem arises when the truckers leave; they leave bags of rubbish and human waste, making the area a danger to walkers etc. Bill Williams asked if WTC (Whitchurch Town Council) could put pressure on the County Council to sort this problem out. Cllr McDonald asked for the County Cllr present, Cllr Dakin to liaise with Bill Williams.

After a proposal by Cllr Neville and seconded by Cllr Harris; it was **WTC/73/1516 RESOLVED** return to standing orders.

9. TWINNING ASSOCIATION

It was proposed by Cllr Chesters to accept the grant application from the Twinning Association; this was seconded by Cllr O'Neill. It was **WTC/74/1516 RESOLVED** to a funding grant.

10. ROLLERSKATING CLUB

It was proposed by Cllr Chesters to accept the grant application from the Roller-skating Club; this was seconded by Cllr Ebbs. It was **WTC/75/1516 RESOLVED** to a funding grant.

11. EXCESSIVE SPEEDING ON STATION ROAD

The Clerk read out the recently received letter from a resident of Station Road who was raising concerns over the speeding of vehicles along this road. It was proposed by Cllr McDonald to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr Dakin to report on this issue; it was seconded by Cllr Rigley. It was **WTC/76/1516 RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders.

Cllr Dakin informed WTC that when the upcoming housing planning application off Station Road, WTC should insist on Speed Limit signage.

It was proposed by Cllr McDonald was seconded by Cllr Harris. It was **WTC/77/1516 RESOLVED** to return to Standing Orders.

12. SKATE PARK

The main matter for discussion was clarified by Cllr Dakin (Shropshire County Cllr). Cllr Rigley expressed concerns he has about the application being made by Shropshire County Council on behalf of WTC (Whitchurch Town Council); as any financial shortfall would be the responsibility of WTC (as we are applying for the project monies). Sean McCarthy (Shropshire County Council - Sports Development Officer) reaffirmed to Council and Cllr Rigley that the project and contract for the works is a fixed cost so therefore no unexpected financial shortfall will be faced by WTC.

It was proposed by Cllr Neville to accept the project of the Skate Park with WTC (Whitchurch Town Council) having no financial liability whatsoever with the building of the skate park; the

only financial costs will be for maintenance and any public liability insurance fee increase. This was seconded by Cllr Stockton; it was **WTC/78/1516 RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

13. REPORT FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Rigley thanked Full Council on behalf of the Twinning Association for their grant. Cllr Rigley also informed Council of his new Trusteeship at the Shropshire Leisure Group.

Cllr Stockton reported on his recent attendance of the Chamber of Trade (CoT) meeting.

14. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

- **Civic and Markets**

Cllr Neville presented the minutes in the absence of Cllr Sinnott; after a few noted omissions from Cllr Harris regarding the information presented at the recent public session meeting it was proposed by Cllr Harris to refer the minutes back to the Civic Committee for the relevant changes. This was seconded by Cllr Neville; it was **WTC/79/1516 RESOLVED** to refer the minutes back to the Civic Committee.

- **Heritage**

Cllr Duffy presented the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Duffy and seconded by Cllr O'Neill; it was **WTC/80/1516 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes and for a letter of thanks to Dr Judith Hoyle and the team for retaining the relevant Accreditation.

- **Parks**

Cllr O'Neill presented the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Chesters; it was **WTC/81/1516 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes.

- **Finance**

Cllr Chesters presented the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Chesters and seconded by Cllr O'Neill; it was **WTC/82/1516 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes.

It was also proposed by Cllr Chesters that items 8 & 9 are adopted to allow the Clerk to the access Councils banking system and to have approval for paying needed items. This was seconded by Cllr McDonald. It was **WTC/83/1516 RESOLVED** to accept items 8 & 9.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out the received correspondence

- Confirmation of a Cllr vacancy
- SJ Roberts Construction asking about taking care of a new housing estate open space
- Concerned resident by Whitehouse Primary School about recent speeding vehicles
- Lightsource regarding Hadley Farm, Whitchurch
- County Council regarding two new signs "Keep Britain Tidy" to restrict dog fouling

16. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

It was proposed by Cllr O'Neill to go into Private; this was seconded by Cllr Chesters. It was **WTC/84/1516 RESOLVED** to go into Private Session.

17. PRIVATE MATTER

There were discussions relating to the future of the Civic Centre, Whitchurch.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25pm

Chairman..... Date.....