MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JULY 2014

PRESENT
Councillors: R Hewson (Mayor), M McDonald, A Chesters, T Harris, J Ebbs, T Neville, T O'Neill, J Sinnott, B Slater, M Rigley, R Willis and L Stones.

IN ATTENDANCE
M Wilson (Town Clerk), Cllr G Dakin (Shropshire Councillor)

1. APOLOGIES
   The following apologies and reasons for absence were received:
   Cllr C Hitchiner - Illness
   Cllr B Duffy – another engagement

2. Declarations of Interest
   No interests declared.

3. Minutes
   After a proposal by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Neville WTC/26/1415
   RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2014 be agreed.

4. Matters Arising
   No matters arising.

5. Mayor's Announcements
   Mayor Hewson commented on the state of the road in Whitchurch where work had been completed, paving slabs removed and not replaced. The clerk informed councillors that she had made representation on this issue and Highways have informed her that Scottish Power are now in default and are being fined for this issue; apparently the pavement blocks are no longer made and they broke some whilst excavating. Shropshire Council have this in hand and are dealing with it.

6. Outstanding Actions
   Outstanding actions noted.

7. Presentation from Hill Valley
   Unable to attend will rearrange.

8. Public Participation
   Standing orders was released and the public were allowed to make representation. Simon Lyons asked two questions; could we put the agenda and minutes onto the website quicker. He was informed that they are now also available on the noticeboard. Secondly have the accounts been audited; the clerk informed him that they had been internally audited and have been sent to the external auditor. He asked if they would be available and when; he was informed that they would be published and they return when the external auditor has completed the task. Standing orders were then put back into motion.

9. Casual Vacancy Co Option
After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was RESOLVED WTC/27/1415 that Roger Willis and Lester Stones were Co-opted onto the Council.

10. Minutes from Committees
To receive the Minutes of the following committees as presented by the Chairman and to consider any recommendations contained therein.

   Parks Committee
   After a proposal by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Chesters
   WTC/28/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2014 be accepted.

   Civic & Markets
   After a proposal by Councillor Sinnott and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/29/1415
   RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2104 be accepted.

   CCTV and Christmas Lights
   Postponed until early August meeting can be held with CCTV contractor to discuss upgrading the system.

11. Report from Members on Outside Organisations.
   There were no outside organisation reports.

12. Skate Park
   The skate park was discussed and agreed that it was not suitable in Deer Moss Park. It was agreed that Jubilee Park would be the most suitable venue and that the residents would be canvassed.

   Cllr Dakin reported that the Local Development Plan was discussed on the 19th Feb 2014 and had to be a sound and rational policy. Out of 475 representations 281 responded and it was modified accordingly from those responses. It is now with the Secretary of State for a decision as to it being a sound plan. Cllr Sinnott asked about all the houses being approved outside the SAMDEV and were they being included in the housing stock, Cllr Dakin confirmed they would be included. Mayor Hewson made representations to Cllr Dakin about the flower planters being removed from the Bullring when there is an event like the Big Gig (and the recent Farmers Market) when it was evident that planters were not in the way. Cllr Dakin said he would pass the comments on.

14. Correspondence
   1. Thank you letter – School
   2. Internal Auditors Report
   3. Shropshire Housing Group Board members request
   4. Email from Friends of the Park
   5. Request from Fair Trade to use Fair Trade items and to ask if Hill Valley would also be involved. The clerk has approached Hill Valley and they will accommodate this request.
   6. Email from PC LeClare on crime figures.
   7. Request to have a copy of the shield of arms – councillors agreed

15. Farmers market agreement.
   Cllr Sinnott explained that a meeting has been held with representatives and they may consider not using Town Council staff or facilities. A decision on the agreement cannot be made at the moment as it is all in negotiation phase. Once a meeting has been held and the Farmer Market Representatives know what they want to do in conjunction with the Town Council then it can be bought to Full Council for ratification.

16. Food and Drink Fair
   Councillors were made aware that of the date of the next event which is 30th to 31 May 2015 and that the whole building could be used.
17. Strategy Meeting
The clerk asked councillors to attend a strategy meeting to complete a 5 year plan.

18. Wi Fi
Cllr Stones agreed to speak to the Library and seek their needs for the Wi Fi.

19. Cenotaph cleaning
Councillors discussed the cleaning of the Cenotaph as the clerk reported that she had put in a lottery grant application to pay for the cleaning. After a proposal by Councillor Chesters and seconded by Councillor Harris WTC/30/1415 RESOLVED: that the cenotaph should be cleaned from Whitchurch Town Council funds.

20. WW1 Exhibition
Cllr Ebbs requested a display cabinet in the Civic Centre to display WW1 memorabilia; this too had been included in the application form for a grant. Cllr Willis informed councillors that he would build the cabinet for no charge. After a proposal by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/31/1415 RESOLVED that a display cabinet could be made in the Civic Centre.

21. WW1 Uniform
The grant application form includes this item. This item to be bought forward if the uniform services can use the uniforms.

22. Shutters for the Sports / Market Hall
The cost of the shutters was discussed as the current shutters are in need of replacement. However, the quotes state that the application form for a grant. Cllr Willis informed councillors that he would build the cabinet for no charge. After a proposal by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/31/1415 RESOLVED that a display cabinet could be made in the Civic Centre.

23. Air cadets
After a proposal by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/32/1415 RESOLVED: That Cllr T Neville be the representative for the Air Cadets.

24. Street Lights
After a proposal by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Sinnott WTC/33/1415 RESOLVED: Thompson Drive Street light should be removed and Highfields street light should be replaced.

25. Shropshire Council ground maintenance
After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Harris WTC/34/1415 RESOLVED: That the request to take on ground maintenance from Shropshire Council be refused.

26. Bank
After a proposal by Councillor Chesters and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/35/1415 RESOLVED that the Clerk should make the decision as to the bank account change and amalgamating small current accounts held at the bank.

27. Statement of Accounts
After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Chesters. It was WTC/36/1415 RESOLVED To receive the Statement of Accounts for month 3.

28. Confidential Business
None.

(The meeting closed at 8:26 pm.)

Chairman ..................................................  Dated 18th Sept 2014