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FULL COUNCIL

All members are summoned to attend the above meeting which will be held on **THURSDAY 17th JANUARY 2019**, in the Edward German Room, Whitchurch Civic Centre commencing at **7.15pm**.

There is an opportunity to meet informally with Councillors for tea, coffee and biscuits from 7pm.

The meeting is held in public and the public are encouraged to attend and participate. Just occasionally matters such as contractual or staffing matters do have to be held in the confidential part of a meeting.

Please note that all Council meetings are audio recorded to ensure accuracy of subsequent minutes.

Date of Notice: 11th January 2019

Nicola Young
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive Councillor apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Councillors' Disclosure of Ordinary or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in relation to the agenda items in this meeting.

3. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on **Thursday 20th December 2018** and sign as an accurate record of that meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

To deal with matters arising from those minutes not otherwise on the agenda.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive such communications as the Mayor may wish to bring before the Council.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of business being transacted at the meeting and about any other matter for which the Council has a responsibility. The Mayor will at this point suspend Standing Orders to allow any members of the public to address the meeting.

7. REPORT FROM WEST MERCIA POLICE

To receive an update from the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

8. VACANCIES & CO-OPTION

Whitchurch Town Council currently has one vacancy. Councillors are requested to consider the verbal application from Ruth Shepherd to become a Town Councillor and to vote accordingly. You will be provided with a voting slip.

9. PRESENTATION FROM WREKIN HOUSING TRUST

To receive a presentation from Phil Brenner, Wrekin Housing Trust, on developments and progress regarding the proposed new medical centre in Whitchurch.

10. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

To receive a verbal update from members of Shropshire Council.

To reinstate Standing Orders

11. ACCOUNTS

To receive Month 9 Balance Sheets and Income & Expenditure Reports.

12. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

To receive minutes from the following Committees:

- a. Parks & Public Realm Committee held on 6th December 2018
- b. Civic Centre Committee held on 6th December 2018
- c. Finance Committee held on 13th December 2018

13. 2019-2020 BUDGET

The Finance Committee have reviewed the 2019-2020 budget and have reduced the precept to 3.3%. Council are requested to agree the revised 2019-2020 budget in order for the precept request to Shropshire Council to be submitted.

14. COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2019/20

Whitchurch Town Council need to submit the Council Tax Precept Requirement 2019/20 by 31st January 2019. Council are requested to agree the figures on the form and the Clerk will submit.

15. MOTION 11 FROM COUNCILLOR HAMLYN

Councillor Hamlyn submits a motion that Whitchurch Town Council investigate employing a professional minute-taking service, initially for all Whitchurch Town Council full Council meetings.

16. WHITCHURCH HERITAGE CENTRE LEASE

The draft lease has now been finalised and agreed by respective solicitors and both parties; Whitchurch Town Council and Whitchurch Museum & Archives CIO. The Heritage Committee make a recommendation to full Council that Whitchurch Town Council signs the lease with the tenant for the Heritage Centre and Council are requested to agree with this course of action.

17. CCTV IN JUBILEE PARK

The Parks & Public Realm Committee have resolved to accept the quote from Barlows to undertake the installation of CCTV into Jubilee Park. Following this resolution by Parks & Public Realm Committee and in line with Financial Regulations, Council are requested to agree the amount of £6,155.00 +VAT to be spent and that the funds will be taken from the Rolling Capital Fund.

18. CPRE MEMBERSHIP

Council are requested to consider the request from CPRE Shropshire to join the Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) and make a decision on whether to become a member or not.

19. FREEHOLD PROJECTS

Council are requested to consider a recommendation from Finance Committee to earmark some capital projects, listed within the budget, for spend only when the freehold transfer of the Civic Centre has been agreed.

20. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

21. LAND AT EGERTON PLACE

To receive plans and an explanatory letter from Shropshire Housing Group (SHG) (Meres & Mosses Housing Association) to redevelop the garage area at Egerton Place and build bungalows on the site. Shropshire Housing Group would like to purchase land from Whitchurch Town Council that would allow the creation of a more meaningful development scheme to the bungalow complex on the opposite side of Deermoss Park. In addition, SHG would also like to purchase a small tranche of land that would allow entrance improvements and a bin collection area as requested by the local authority in pre-application discussions.

Council are requested to discuss the matter, whether there is agreement with the proposed development for the area and acceptance of the proposed offer. Council are requested to give direction to the Clerk on how it wishes to proceed.

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