

Whitchurch Town Council

Civic Centre
Whitchurch
SY13 1AX



High Street
Shropshire
tel. 01948 665761

website: www.whitchurchcouncil.uk

email: clerk@whitchurchcouncil.uk

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th JULY 2019

PRESENT

Cllrs: Harvey Vasey, Lee Broders, Scott Radford, Ruth Shepherd, Simon Hamlyn, Norma Raynes, Alan Chesters, John Sinnott, Andy Hall, John Martin, Tony Neville, Terry O'Neill, Bev Duffy

IN ATTENDANCE

PC Deb Wheeler
Nicola Young – Town Clerk

In line with the Council's Meeting Recording Policy, the Chairman asked if anyone was recording the meeting, Cllr Hall stated he was recording the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr R Snell - vacation

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 11. Cllr Hamlyn stated that Good Energy are members of British Hydro Power and he is the Chief Executive of British Hydro Power.

Cllr Shepherd declared that she is a Board member of the LEP.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor has represented the town on the following occasions:

27th June 2019 – attending the launch of the Church of England Federation of Whitchurch Primary School

29th June 2019 – attended the opening ceremony for the Access for All project at St John's Church

7th July 2019 – attended the Mayor of Oswestry's Civic Service

Two Whitchurch Town Councillors made complaints to the Monitoring Officer about the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr O'Neill and Cllr Broders. All these complaints were dismissed by the Monitoring Officer.

On 12th July 2019, the Mayor held a Coffee Morning to raise funds for both Mayoral Charities; Headway Shropshire and Whitchurch Scouting & Guiding Association. We raised over £300, which is a brilliant start to a fundraising year. Thanks were given to everyone who helped, fellow councillors and staff at the Civic Centre, Headway Shropshire staff and also our Citizen of the Year, Arthur Skitt.

Cllr Duffy announced that the NALC Conference was taking place on 28th/29th October 2019 in Milton Keynes. Councillors Shepherd and Broders put their names forward as willing to attend of behalf of Whitchurch Town Council.

Nice News:

The Mayor read out complimentary comments from a visiting family and boater.

4. Minutes

The Mayor reminded Cllr Hall that only 2 members were required to review Standing Orders.

After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Neville, it was **WTC/57/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on **Thursday 20th June 2019** and sign as an accurate record of that meeting. Cllrs Chesters / Sinnott / Hall & Martin abstained.

5. Remaining Business

- a. **Friday Market** Cllr Raynes informed Council that the market traders are impressed and pleased with the move, in short it has been a success.
- b. **Hire of Main Hall on Friday** – Council was assured that should an organisation hire the Main Hall for a show, the market traders would be supported to move back to the market hall in the short term.
- c. **Land at Sherry Mill Hill** – to be included on the current Council Resolution Record.

6. Public Participation

After a proposal by Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **WTC/58/1920 RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow any members of the public to address the meeting.

7. Update from Local Policing Team

PD Deborah Wheeler reported:

- Whitchurch Police Station has moved to the Community Hospital site
- A new PCSO is starting on 29th July, but Whitchurch may lose CSO Jamie Robinson, but have been assured a replacement will be coming
- Police aware of the criminal damage in Jubilee Park
- Section 59's have been issued to a motorcycle rider, who had not helmet and was driving in an anti-social way.
- WMP are unable to provide PCs for night patrols due to lack of officers
- There are no major concerns, apart from a few shoplifters and burglaries.
- There was a robbery at Whitchurch Post Office.

Questions/Requests:

- Request for a sign to point public to Police Station location on Community Hospital site.
- Dog fouling has become an issue again. The Police are unable to issue fixed penalty notices, but Shropshire Council Community Enforcement Officers can issue these.

A member of the public spoke to Council and reiterated his request to run Antiques Markets again at the Civic Centre. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to their decision that he would be unable to run events at the Civic Centre and the letter that was sent to him. He said he had not received that letter and the Clerk was asked to send the letter onto the address that was provided.

8. Good Energy were not present.

9. Shropshire Councillor's Report – Shropshire Councillor Gerald Dakin had submitted apologies.

After a proposal by Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Neville, it was **WTC/59/1920 RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

10. Accounts

After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **WTC/60/1920 RESOLVED** to accept Month 3 Balance Sheets and Income & Expenditure Reports, duly signed by the Chairman, noting Total Equity as £1.269,047.

11. Green Energy Provider

After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Raynes, it was **WTC/61/1920 RESOLVED** that current prices and forecast cost for kw/hour for both green and brown energy would be brought to full Council in September 2019.

12. Committees

- a. After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Sinnott, it was **WTC/62/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the Heritage Committee minutes dated 8th January 2019.
- b. After a proposal from Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Raynes, it was **WTC/63/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the Heritage Committee minutes dated 28th February 2019, noting that the scaffolding on the exterior is in place to paint the building.
- c. After a proposal from Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Raynes, it was **WTC/64/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Parks & Public Realm Committee held on 6th June 2019.
- d. After a proposal from Cllr Vasey, seconded by Cllr Raynes, it was **WTC/65/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Cultural & Civic Centre Committee held on 6th June 2019.
- e. After a proposal from Cllr Shepherd, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **WTC/66/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 13th June 2019. Against: Cllrs Chesters, Hall & Sinnott

13. Cemetery – Joint Authority that is Not an Entity (JANE)

After a proposal from Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Neville, it was **WTC/67/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Cemetery Board JANE meeting dated 6th March 2019.

14. Reports from Councillors on Outside Bodies

- a. Cllr Hall reported that he had attended
 - i. **Whitchurch Waterways Trust** meeting on 9th July 2019, giving information on the Canal Festival on 31st August/1st September 2019 and mooring surveys
 - ii. **Whitchurch Town Twinning** meeting on 19th July 2019, where the committee discussed the programme of events for next years visit by the French
- b. Cllr Raynes reported on the meeting she had attended with the Beechtree Community Centre Trustees, and the need for more space at the Centre.
- c. Cllr Duffy reported that she had attended the North Shropshire Planning Committee on 25th July 2019, when the Paul's Moss application had been discussed.

15. Consultations

- a. **Polling Stations for Shropshire Council Area**
After a proposal by Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, it was **WTC/68/1920 RESOLVED** that Whitchurch Town Council agree that Whitchurch Civic Centre continue to be used as a polling station.

- b. **Shropshire Playing Fields Association Strategy: Freedom to Move 2019-2024**
After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Raynes, it was **WTC/69/1920 RESOLVED** that Whitchurch Town Council will continue to work with Shropshire Playing Fields Association strategy to progress the ideas in Whitchurch.
- c. **Draft Whitchurch Local Economic Growth Strategy 2017-2021**
After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **WTC/70/1920 RESOLVED** to inform Shropshire Council that the Council agree with the Draft Economic Growth Strategy for Whitchurch, but that an amendment should be made to page 14 AC6.3, it should read Shropshire Council and not Whitchurch Town Council who will be actioning.

16. Heritage Centre Cupola

After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Raynes, it was **WTC/71/1920 RESOLVED** that the Clerk would work with the Conservation Officer to gain quotes to replace the Heritage Centre Cupola, noting that it is a Grade II Listed building and, should it be necessary, an extraordinary meeting would be called to agree the spend.

17. Detached Youth Work

After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **WTC/72/1920 RESOLVED** to waive Financial Regulations due to timescale and lack of alternative organisations to provide the service.

After a proposal from Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Sinnott, it was **WTC/73/1920 RESOLVED** that the Clerk work with the Chief Officer of SYA, Richard Parks, to tighten up the KPIs and Council accept SYA's partnership agreement.

18. Confidential

After a proposal by Cllr Neville, seconded by Cllr Raynes it was **WTC/72/1920 RESOLVED** 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.

19. Report on Clerk's Employee Annual Appraisal

Cllr Hamlyn read out a report on the Clerk's Annual Appraisal.

- 9.15pm Cllr Raynes left the meeting
- 9.35pm Cllr Chesters left the meeting
- 9.37pm Cllr Sinnott left the meeting

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman

Date