

**EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of FULL COUNCIL**

Held at 6 p.m. on

**Monday 18 December 2023**

At The Public Library, Wood St., Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Town Councillors: Cllr R Allen, Chairman, Cllr M Leman, Deputy Chairman, , Cllr A Bates, Cllr D Deighton, Cllr C Ladkin, Cllr J O'Neill, Cllr B Paczek, Cllr M Tebbett and Cllr C Wells.

In attendance: Town Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

**23/153** Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting, with his thanks for their attendance.  
***Noted and received.***

**23/154** To receive apologies for Town Cllr Member absence.

Cllr C Allen & Cllr D Almey submitted their reasoned apologies for absence to the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting.  
***Resolved: to accept Cllr C Allen & Cllr D Almey apologies received above and as recorded in full by the Town Clerk.***

**23/155** Declarations of interest. To receive disclosures of member's interests, i.e., the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda.  
***None.***

***Confidential Items – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the agenda items below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and will be requested to withdraw. Members will consider a resolution to go into Private Session. So resolved.***

**23/156** AGE UK

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the current situation Age UK are financially in and the permission they are seeking from ESTC to lease the building out to a third party, which will generate income to cover the costs of the building.  
The Chairman explained to members the recent outcome from the Barrister that ESTC instructed; giving members the chance to read the report and ask questions on the options to move this matter forward with Age UK. The Councils main concern is to see the provision of services for the elderly continue at the Earl Shilton centre.

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***Resolved: Council approved the advice from the Barristers report to go ahead with Option two - to approach the Lessee and negotiate a new lease. As regards to option 2 (negotiation), this would appear to be the most pragmatic way forward. Owing to the restrictions in the Lease it is likely to be easier for the parties involved to enter into a new Lease. This Lease could be worded to ensure adequate protection to the Town Council and residents of the Town, and to obtain a higher rent more commensurate to that being offered by Praetorium. The Chairman/Town Clerk will contact the solicitor to proceed.***

**Last Item.**

**The Chairman closed the meeting in good order at 6.55 p.m. thanking Members for their attendance and contributions.**

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Chairman Signature.....

