

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 7.30pm on

Tuesday 12th January 2016

At Earl Shilton Social Institute, Station Road, Earl Shilton.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: J Brown D Bailey C Coe C Dallas C Ellis
 A Greenwood M Leman K Olgeirsson L Panton R Phelps
 P Statham M Tebbett

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk – R Atkinson

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15/207

TOWN MAYORS WELCOME

The Mayor wished Members a belated Happy New Year and welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that Staffing Matters should be held in private session.
RP KO RESOLVED

15/208

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Hardy.

15/209

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ANY MATTER PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA

As spending proposals for the forthcoming financial year were being considered, each member declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.

15/210

DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Each Councillor made a request to ESTC for a dispensation to be granted to enable them to vote on the spending proposals, determining the precept for the forthcoming year. A dispensation was granted

15/211

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2015.

PROPOSED by Cllr D Bailey and SECONDED by Cllr C Coe

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes for the meeting held on 8th December 2015 be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

15/212

TO RECEIVE A POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report.

A member noted that they had become aware of drug dealing in Hall Field Park. The details are to be reported to the Police.

It was also noted that vehicles are double parking on the pavement opposite Weavers Close Primary School. Cllr L Panton is to take this matter up with the Police.

Speeding complaints were also raised and members were informed that Leicestershire Police are promoting a bin sticker campaign to remind drivers to keep to the speed limit. It was noted that bin stickers are available from the Council office.

15/213 ELECTORS TIME

There were no issues raised.

15/214 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Cllr J Richards

There was no report from Cllr J Richards

15/215 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCILLOR -Cllr C Ladkin

There was no report from Cllr C Ladkin

15/216 TO CONSIDER HBBC'S RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE A COUNCILLOR FROM HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF LEISURE, PARKS, CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 30 DAYS (TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT MUNICIPAL YEAR)

Relevant paperwork was circulated prior to the meeting

PROPOSED by Cllr L Panton and SECONDED by Cllr J Brown

Further to an amendment, it was RESOLVED that a member would be removed from his position as Chairman of Planning and Deputy Chairman of Leisure, Parks, Cemeteries and Open Spaces Committee for a period of 7 days with immediate effect.

It was initially PROPOSED that Cllr A Greenwood be removed from his position as Chairman of Planning and Deputy Chairman of Leisure, Parks, Cemeteries and Open Spaces Committee for a period of 1 day.

15/217 TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016-17

Members who receive their paperwork through the post noted that they were not in receipt of this and PROPOSED this item be deferred.

PROPOSED by Cllr M Tebbett and SECONDED by Cllr R Phelps

It was RESOLVED that this item be deferred and addressed at the meeting scheduled to take place on 9th February 2016.

Councillors who receive their paperwork though the post advised that they will collect paperwork from the office going forward.

The Clerk requested that members make her aware of any paperwork they are not in receipt of for the meeting prior to this commencing.

15/218 TO GAIN APPROVAL TO RENEW SLCC MEMBERSHIP AND THE SCRIBE SOFTWARE LICENCE

PROPOSED by Cllr L Panton and SECONDED by Cllr K Olgeirsson

It was RESOLVED that SLCC annual membership be renewed at a cost of £210.

PROPOSED: Cllr R Phelps

SECONDED: Cllr A Greenwood

It was RESOLVED that the Scribe Annual Software Licence be renewed at a cost of £762 (inc VAT).

15/219

TO NOTE CONCERNS REGARDING DOG BINS

The Clerk noted that the office have received several concerns regarding dog waste bins overflowing.

Due to being unable to make contact with the dog waste contractor over the Christmas period, the services of the District Council were called upon and it was noted that this incurred an additional cost of 18p per bin.

The Clerk is to write to the dog waste contractor and also seek a further quotation.

15/220

GRANT REQUEST

A Grant Request was submitted by Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Members AGREED that this request be reviewed upon receipt of applications from other Organisations submitting prior to the end of March 2016.

CLERKS REPORT

i To note and update upon unclaimed s.106 Developer Contributions

Whilst the s.106 Developer Contributions spreadsheet was emailed to members prior to the meeting, Members noted that they were not in receipt of this. The Clerk is to look into this.

ii To review all payments made since the previous meeting and to replenish the accounts accordingly

A document detailing the payments made since the previous meeting was tabled at the meeting

Members were advised that £120,540.91 had been expended from the NatWest Account and £ 7057.48 had been expended from the Unity Trust Account since the last meeting.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Coe and SECONDED by Cllr L Panton

It was RESOLVED that the Unity Trust Account be topped up by £7057.48

iii To present schedule of payments for authorisation

A document detailing payments totalling £109,087.85 was tabled for authorisation

PROPOSED by Cllr C Dallas and SECONDED by Cllr C Ellis

It was RESOLVED that all payments apart from room hire at Age UK and refreshments at Earl Shilton Social Institute be authorised. The Clerk is to contact

both Organisations.

iv To review Income and Expenditure to date

The Clerk noted that Council expect to be 76.9% spent at this stage and noted the reasons for codes 144 – Office Support and Services, 180 – Legal Fees, 332 – Hall Field and 355 – Vehicle Lease exceeding this.

The Income and Expenditure Report was APPROVED by Members

v To provide an update on co-option for the Westfield ward

The Clerk noted that co-option will take place at the meeting of 9th February 2016. Candidate's letters will be circulated to Members prior to this date.

vi To note Leicestershire Market Towns Research

The Clerk noted that ERS Ltd have been commissioned to undertake economic research in 11 Leicestershire Market Towns, one of which is Earl Shilton. The outcome of this research will be used as evidence in the pursuit of funding opportunities and prioritising key market town projects.

15/221 TO NOTE PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The document detailing Planning applications received since the previous meeting was tabled at the meeting

Noise and a lack of parking was mentioned in relation to planning reference 15/01304/COU - New Street

Planning Applications were noted by Members

15/222 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Earl Shilton Business Forum - Cllr R Phelps

HBBC Community Forum - Cllr C Dallas confirmed that this group has not met.

Cllr R Phelps is to provide a copy of Earl Shilton Business Forum's Report.

Cllr J Brown leaves the meeting at 8:50 pm

15/223 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk read aloud a letter from the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth. Funding Earl Shilton in Bloom was mentioned.

15/224 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Earl Shilton Social Institute, Station Road, Earl Shilton.

TO RESOLVE TO MOVE THIS ITEM INTO PRIVATE SESSION ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 s.(2)

PROPOSED by Cllr R Phelps and SECONDED by Cllr K Olgiersson

The Clerk leaves the meeting.

15/225

STAFFING MATTERS – PRIVATE SESSION

- i To consider an option to resolve a member of staff's grievance

RESOLVED -To follow the HR consultant's advice to settle a member of staff's grievance.

PROPOSED BY Cllr C Coe SECONDED BY Cllr L Panton

The chair started by re-stating the confidentially and stressed the £100,000 fine risk.

An email from Chris Moses the ESTC's legal representative was circulated to ESTC

Members discussed various staffing matters

Lesley Panton Left the meeting at 21:25

RESOLVED TO MOVE STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW THE MEETING TO BE EXTENDED.

- ii To consider the timeframe for members who have a grievance upheld against them to be exempt from the Staffing Committee

Members discussed the suggestion, but agreed that this would be unworkable.

Meeting Closed at 22:00

Town Mayor's Signature _____
Councillor C Ellis

Date _____

All relevant legislation was considered in producing the decisions contained within this document