

RWBTC/10/2014-2015

23rd April 2015

Minutes of a meeting of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at the rising of the Annual Town Meeting, Ground Floor, Civic Centre, Station Road, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow, Ian Ferries, Linda Frost, Janet Georgiou, Mike Leighfield, Marion Sweet, Audrey Wannell, Chris Wannell, John Wilks.

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager, and Emily Maiden, Committee Clerk and Administrative Assistant.

118. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jai Cunningham, Sue Hughes and Paul Heaphy.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2012.

RESOLVED to note that no declarations of interest were made.

120. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 [RWBTC/9/14-15]. Copy previously circulated.

121. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Council received a report from Emily Maiden detailing arrangements for future meetings of the Town Council, copy previously circulated.

Members were advised that attempts have been made to secure a suitable venue for Full Council meetings under the Local Government Act 1972; at the present time however there is no suitable hall space within the town that would allow for sufficient room capacity and parking arrangements, and that is fully accessible under the regulations as laid out in the Equality Act 2010 which can be secured for a reasonable cost. The Committee Room at the Rugby Club has been block-booked for Thursday evenings for the meetings of the Town Council's Amenities, Planning and Revenue and Resources Committees, and it was recommended that meetings of the Full Council also be held at this venue until a suitable alternative is found.

The Council RESOLVED: -

- That future meetings of the Full Council will be held in the Committee Room of the Rugby Club whilst alternative accommodation is being sought,
- That no alcoholic drinks be allowed in the Committee Room for the duration of meetings,
- To form a Working Party to investigate the possibility of purchasing Wootton Hall and report its findings back to the Full Council,
- Appoint Councillors Mike Farrow, Steve Bucknell and John Wilks to the Working Party.

122. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the Council is asked that members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting to allow discussion of the establishment, property and finance matters as it is considered the publicity would be prejudicial by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

