

RWBTC/3/2016-2017

14th July 2016

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm at Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Bucknell, Susan Doyle, Mike Farrow, Linda Frost, Janet Georgiou, Steve Watts, Paul Heaphy, Sue Hughes, Mike Leighfield and John Wilks.

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager, and Gill Welsman-Clarke, Administrative Officer.

26. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mary Champion, Michael Page, Marion Sweet, Audrey Wannell and Chris Wannell.

27. 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.

28. WRITTEN REPORTS

The following written reports were received from: -

Member of Parliament – James Gray
Wiltshire Councillor – Mollie Groom
Verbal updates from Representatives appointed by the Council

Copies of documents were previously circulated.

29. VISIT WILTSHIRE

David Andrews, Chief Executive from Visit Wiltshire gave a presentation on the benefits of annual membership of the organisation.

30. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 26th May 2016 [RWBTC/2/16-17]. Copy previously circulated.

31. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

No report from the Mayor but Councillor Sue Hughes shared that Mary Champion raised around £350 at her charity coffee morning.

32. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

There were no questions either with or without notice received under Standing Orders.

33. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 26th May 2016 [P/12/15-16] and [P/1/16-17], and Thursday 16th June 2016 [P/2/16-17]. Copies previously circulated.

34. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 26th May 2016 [A/1/16-17] and Thursday 2nd June 2016 [A/2/16-17]. Copies previously circulated.

35. REVENUE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Revenue and Resources Committee held on Thursday 26th May 2016 [R&R/1/16-17] and Thursday 16th June 2016 [R&R/2/16-17]. Copies previously circulated.

36. TOWN TEAM

RESOLVED to note the report on a meeting of the Town Team held on Wednesday 25th May 2016, copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED that Councillor Wilks make contact with the RWB Academy 6th Form Business Students asking if they would like to help the Town Team in a joint exercise to expand Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council website with tourist information.

37. WWI COMMEMORATION - HANDCRAFTED STEEL POPPIES

To mark the centenary of the First World War, blacksmiths and farriers from around the world are handcrafting steel poppies for a cenotaph to be erected in the Flanders area of Belgium. A number of the poppies will be available to purchase at a cost of £30 per poppy. It has been suggested that 46 of these poppies are acquired by the town to honour the 46 residents who died during the First World War, and whose names are listed on the War Memorial.

The Royal British Legion are discussing the possibility of underwriting the cost of 23 of the poppies at a cost of £690, and have approached the Town Council to gauge interest in the possible underwriting of the

remaining 23. Gary Kendall of the Royal British Legion will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions.

A report giving further details of the project alongside suggestions for Royal Wootton Bassett's involvement was previously circulated.

The Council's instructions were sought.

RESOLVED that the Council: -

- (i) Underwrite the cost and purchase 23 poppies inviting the Royal British Legion to purchase the remaining 23 poppies.

- (ii) Set up a working party with Councillors Steve Watts, Mike Leighfield and Town Clerk to work along side the Royal British Legion. Council agreed a budget of not to exceed £5000 and for the working party to bring back the expenditure quote to the Council.

38. COMMUNICATIONS

The Council was asked whether it wishes to issue any press releases or other communications in respect of the Committee agenda items.

RESOLVED to issue an update on the Borough fields toilets.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm