

RWBTC/3/2018-2019

19th July 2018

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 7.45pm at Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Robert Anstee, Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow, Paul Heaphy, Nic Hughes, Mike Leighfield, Caroline Redmond, Eve Silvester, Jenny Stratton, Marion Sweet, Steve Walls and Steve Watts.

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager and Kelly Warren, Administrative Officer and Committee Clerk.

Question Time

Keith Talbot of Dunnington Road asked the Council what was happening with the Stone Poppy.

The Mayor responded by advising that as the Stone Poppy is not repairable the insurance company will not pay out and there will be an open consultation for the residents to make suggestions on what they would like to see in its place.

Allison Bucknell of The Little House, 154 High Street, asked when the Town Council's website would be updated.

Johnathan Bourne explained that the existing web company are not releasing our web pages so it could be another month before new website is live.

27. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors David Bowler and Sue Hughes.

Apologies were also received from Wiltshire Councillor Chris Hurst.

28. 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 received.

29. WRITTEN REPORTS

Written reports were submitted by Mr James Gray MP, Wiltshire Councillor Chris Hurst and Councillors Nic Hughes and Steve Walls as representatives of the Area Board.

Councillor Paul Heaphy asked if Councillor Chris Hurst could update the Council on how many dwellings Wainhomes are reducing by on their land at Interface, (Planning application reference 18/04215/VAR).

30. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 31st May 2018 [RWBTC/3/2018-2019]. Copy previously circulated.

31. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor welcomed new Councillor, Eve Silvester, to her first Full Council meeting.

The Mayor has been to 23 events since the last Full Council meeting.

The Mayor also read out a complaint letter addressed to the Full Council from John Parker and Morris Hopkins regarding the conduct of Councillors.

32. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

There were no questions received 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 31st May 2018 [P/12/2017-2018], [P/1/2018-2019] and Thursday 14th June 2018 [P/2/2018-2019] copies previously circulated.

34. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 31st May 2018 [A/1/2018-2019] and Thursday 14th June 2018 [A/2/2018-2019], copies previously circulated.

35. REVENUE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Revenue and Resources Committee held on Thursday 31st May 2018 [R&R/1/2018-2019] and Thursday 28th June 2018 [R&R/2/2018-2019], copies previously circulated.

36. WILTSHIRE POLICE CPT - PRESENTATION

Inspector Mark Luffman was unable to make the meeting but hopes to attend the next Revenue and Resources meeting on Thursday 27th September 2018.

37. SPARROW LANE

Report from the Town Clerk, Johnathan Bourne updating Members on the community asset transfer of Sparrow Lane and seeking authorisations towards the development of a pocket park. Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Authorise the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the lease on behalf of the Council when it is approved by the Town Clerk and Town Council solicitors.
- b) Establish a working party to consist of Councillors Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Eve Silvester, Caroline Redmond and Steve Watts.
- c) Accept the fee proposal from the Richards Partnership to allow the works to proceed during the summer recess in conjunction with the working party.

38. COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLVED to issue communications on the development of a pocket park in Sparrow Lane.

39. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED 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 of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.