



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs M Lock (Chairman & Mayor), D Shutler (Deputy Mayor), P Chandler, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, P Gubbins, K Hussain, A Kendall, T Ledlie, P Lock, T Lock, S Lowery, G Oakes, E Potts-Jones, A Pugsley, W Read, D Recardo, M Roper, A Smith, R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk), J Furze (Locum Town Clerk), and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

7.30pm – The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev J Pearce led the meeting in Prayers.

Before the meeting started the Mayor of Yeovil (Cllr M Lock) updated members on the progress of the road works at Horsey Island.

Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

7.33pm The meeting commenced

9/66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

Apologies were received from: Cllr Castle – Illness, Akkisetty, & Adampalli – both detained at work, Cllr Cobb – working late.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of

Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Declarations of Interest were received from:

Cllrs M & P Lock – Personal & Prejudicial – Agenda Item 9/75 – Formerly involved in previous bidding process.

9/68 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd November 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd November 2015 be signed as a correct record.

9/69 TO APPOINT A PROPER OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Members to consider appointing Amanda Jane Card as Town Clerk (Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer) until such a time as a new Town Clerk is appointed. LGA 1972 s112(1) & s151

RESOLVED: That Amanda Jane Card be appointed as Proper Officer (Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer) until such a time as a new Town Clerk is appointed.

At this point the Locum Town Clerk (John Furze) and newly appointed Town Clerk (Amanda Card) changed places.

9/70 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLVED: To note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements.

9/71 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 9/75, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

RESOLVED: That Agenda Item 9/75 be heard with the Public & Press excluded.

9/72 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Grounds & General Maintenance Committee – 9th November 2015

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Manny Roper asked members to ratify the Recommendation made at the meeting on 9th November 2015 to increase the Allotment Rents from 30p per square metre to 34p per square metre with effect from 10th December 2016

RESOLVED: To increase the Allotment Rents from 30p per square metre to 34p per square metre with effect from 10th December 2016

Promotions & Activities Committee – 10th November 2015

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr David Recardo. Councillors were asked to explore the potential of locating LED display boards within the town and firm costings and proposals will be presented at a later date.

Planning & Licensing Committee – 16th November 2015

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Pauline Lock. There were no questions or comments.

Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 17th November 2015

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Stickland requested ratification that the Recommendation made at the meeting on 17th November to increase the charges with effect from 1st April 2016 as per Committee Minute No 9/52.

RESOLVED: To increase the charges for Community Halls with effect from 1st April 2016 as per Committee Minute No9/52 (attached).

Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 24th November 2015

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Tony Lock asked for ratification for those Resolutions and Recommendations taken at its meeting on 24th November 2015. To explore the possibility of locating up to 3 defibrillators within the town and cooperate with South Somerset District Council on their location.

RESOLVED: To Approve the Decisions and Recommendations made at the Policy, Resources and Finance meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2015.

8.15pm – Cllr K Hussain left the meeting.

9/73 REPORTS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies may wish to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

No reports were given.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

9/74 DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17

Attached at pages 8 to 13 (Cover Page as a Confidential Item)

Members to consider the spending estimates for the Council and its Committees for the fiscal year 2016-17 (FY16/17) and agree a budget subject to receiving notification from SSDC of level of Council Tax Support Grant to enable a Precept to be set in January 2016.

RESOLVED: To accept the spending estimates for the Council and its Committees for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 and to agree a Budget based on these, subject to receiving notification from SSDC of level of Council Tax Support Grant to enable a Precept to be set in January 2016.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee passed a resolution (see item 9/61) to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

8.35pm - Cllrs M Lock and P Lock left the meeting and took no part in the following agenda item.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr D Shutler took the Chair for the following item.

9/75 COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

Goldcroft Former Allotment Site – Verbal update by Cllr P Gubbins.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Party's verbal report and to request that the District Valuer value the Goldcroft land.

8.42pm - Cllr M Lock returned to the meeting and took the chair.

The Mayor thanked John Furze, Locum Clerk for his work for the Council.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: