



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the virtual meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

**Present:** Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); J Dash; N Gage; K Gill; D Gubbins; P Gubbins; G Hunting; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Ledlie; M Lock; P Lock; T Lock; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; W Read; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland and H Stonier.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk); H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

There was no members of the public and one member of the press present.

Before the meeting formally commenced, the Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor D Recardo, announced the sad passing of Cllr P Chandler.

Rev J Pearce (the Mayor's Chaplain) gave a blessing and paid tribute to the late former Mayor and Councillor P Chandler.

### **Public Comment**

*7:41pm The meeting commenced.*

### **10/99 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: J Lowery (conflicting engagement) and S Lowery (conflicting engagement).

**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

### **10/100 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).

There were no declarations made at this time.

#### **10/101 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 26th May 2020.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and that they be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

#### **10/102 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 with the correction as mentioned above.

#### **10/103 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee** – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. Cllr Oakes informed Council that the Park School planning application had been deferred until the next meeting. There were no questions.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the above Committee be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

#### **10/104 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

There were no reports from any outside body.

#### **10/105 THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SOMERSET**

The Town Clerk informed members that she had forwarded them an updated version of the "One Somerset- Business case for a new single unitary council for Somerset" which had only just been published.

**RESOLVED:** that a Special Council Meeting be called by the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020, inviting both Cllr D Fothergill (Leader of Somerset County Council) and Cllr V Keitch (Leader of South Somerset District Council).

#### **10/106 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ROLE OF PARISH COUNCILS IN THE EVENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN SOMERSET**

The Town Clerk informed members that the recommendations on the role of parish councils in the event of local government re-organisation in Somerset was relevant regardless of which proposal (if any) was accepted by the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED:** that Council supported the recommendations within the document. However, Council did not feel it was appropriate that "representatives of parishes to be involved in the

appointment of the staff was appropriate and that any appointments should be carried out by a panel no greater than 3, and by the people who pay them.

### **10/107 FORWARD PLAN**

The Mayor highlighted that the reserve date for August would need to be called as Council would need to consider the Annual Governance and Annual Return and the Election of a Co-optee to Yeovil Town Council. In addition, a Special Town Council would also be called, inviting both Cllr D Fothergill (Leader of Somerset County Council) and Cllr V Keitch (Leader of South Somerset District Council).

The Mayor invited Councillors to suggest other items that they would like to see on the Forward Plan.

**RESOLVED:** (1) to approve the forward plan; and (2) to invite a representative from South Somerset District Council to give a report on the CCTV in Yeovil.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public.

The meeting closed at 8:13pm.

Signed:

Date