

WALLINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

Meeting of Council held in the Town Hall, Wallingford on
Monday 24th September 2018

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Lee Upcraft

Councillors Baroni, Beatty, Dolton, Kidley, Lloyd, McGregor, Titchener and Whelan

The Town Clerk, Mrs Paula Lopez

Officer in Attendance: Barbara Atkins (Minute Taker)

Meeting Commenced at 1908Hours

At the start of the meeting the Mayor asked that Agenda Item 15 be brought forward as Councillor Kidley was feeling unwell and would need to leave as soon as possible. It was Proposed by Councillor Whelan, Seconded by Councillor Lloyd and

RESOLVED: THAT agenda item 15 is discussed after the County and District Councillor reports as once Councillor Kidley leaves the meeting it will not be quorate.

272. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cripps, Davidson, Hughes, Lester and Norton.

273. ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was Proposed by Councillor Titchener, Seconded by Councillor Whelan and

RESOLVED: THAT in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public's interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted: -

Agenda Item 24 – Royal Garden Party Nominations (Although this item is likely to be deferred).

274. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Councillor with voting rights who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest as set out in our Council's Standing Orders Code of Conduct (Item 13) in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under code of conduct and his right to participate and vote on the matter (guidelines are available at the meeting and all Councillors have received a copy prior to the meeting) Information for each Member was available at the meeting.

There were no declarations of Interest

275. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NOTIFIED AND IMPROMPTU (Total 15 Minutes)

Beacon's Project Manager – Karen Whiting had distributed her report (attached to minutes) prior to the meeting but she gave a brief overview of how and when the project was started. Mrs Whiting also outlined the work that she had been carrying out since she had returned to work. Joe Loescher was introduced to Councillors and stated that he was very excited to be working with Karen for 1.5 days a week. Mrs Whiting concluded with thanking the Town Council for their continued support.

276. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

- i) Wallingford Accessible Boat Club – The Mayor reported that the Town Council had received a thank you letter for the grant which was awarded to them.
- ii) Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Announcement – The latest information has been circulated to Councillors.
- iii) Councillors are invited to meet the new RAF Group Captain on Thursday 1st November 2018 at 10am in the Town Hall – An attendance board being circulated.
- iv) Road Closure in St Martin's Street – Tuesday 2nd October to Monday 8th October form outside number 20 to St Mary's Church – Thames Water new water service connection. Details will be on the Town Council's website.
- v) The Neighbourhood Plan consultation notification postcards are being delivered. It is hoped that the volunteers will deliver the remaining cards. Councillors to let the office staff know what areas have been covered.

277. PRESENTATION OF ENGROSSMENT TO COUNCILLOR KIDLEY

Minute 7/5/2018 refers. The Mayor, Councillor Upcraft, read out the retiring Mayor, Councillor Kidley's engrossment. Councillors, the Town Clerk and Mrs Kidley watched as Councillor Kidley was presented with his engrossment.

278. BULL CROFT PARK

The Town Clerk reported to Councillors that a lady and fallen in the Bull Croft Park when using the tarmac path that ran from St George's Road to The High Street. She had fallen in March 2018 and although her husband had come into the office and mentioned the fall he

had not, as requested by a member of staff, sent in a written report. However, The Town Clerk this month received a letter from a claim's recovery company which has now been forwarded to the Town Council's insurance company. The Town clerk has been in contact with Historic England regarding the repairs as this is a Health and Safety issue. The Town Clerk asked Councillors to approve repairs at a cost of £2,490. It was Proposed by Councillor Lloyd, Seconded by Councillor Kidley and

RESOLVED: THAT the Town Clerk can have the path repaired at a cost of £2,490 and that the matter regarding the claim should be left in the hands of the Town Council's Insurers.

279. COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS (Total 15 Minutes)

i) County Councillor Lynda Atkins' report had been distributed in advance of the meeting. The short report stated that the selection of route B for the Expressway Corridor appears to have taken away some of the potential pressure from her division but that she would keep her eye on how this progresses and the actual route that is progressed.

ii) District Councillor Elaine Hornsby stated that she had been selected for the Scrutiny Committee and that both she and District Councillor Lokhon were on the Housing Advisory panel which meets every 2 months and that they can only offer suggestions.

The District Council has a new Air Quality Officer however a report from Oxfordshire County Council is still awaited before any further action is taken. There is a small budget for improving air quality in market towns and it is being proposed that this is used for signage for example at traffic lights to encourage car drivers to switch their engines off and also at major roundabouts such as Tesco's to encourage through traffic to use the bypass.

How CIL Money has been spent is available on the District Council's website.

District Councillor Hornsby also stated that 13,000 local businesses had entered the Business Award Scheme, the best ever.

Councillor Baroni asked if Agenda Item 19 – SODC Sports and Leisure Strategy could also be discussed before Councillor Kidley left.

It was Proposed by Councillor Baroni, Seconded by Councillor Lloyd and

RESOLVED: THAT agenda item 19 - SODC Sports and Leisure Strategy is discussed before the meeting is closed.

280. SODC SPORTS AND LEISURE STRATEGY

Councillor Baroni reported that she had circulated reports (copies attached) to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor Baroni believes that it will be better to get

specifics into the document and correct errors rather than fight the hub town status that Wallingford has been given and she asked Councillors to support this proposal with a resolution.

It was Proposed by Councillor Baroni, Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

RESOLVED: THAT Councillor Baroni on behalf of Wallingford Town Council responds to SODC's Sports and Leisure Strategy by asking for the errors to be corrected and also that the specific leisure facilities that Wallingford needs be added to the document.

1937 Hours Meeting Closed

All other agenda items were deferred

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Anticipated Agenda</u>
Council County/District Councillors Site B and Infrastructure Sand and Gravel Site E and Infrastructure Promoting the Town Hall Mooring Projects Proposals Air Quality Management Community Speed Watch Telephone Boxes – Use of Amended Standing Orders The Bull Croft Lodge Co-Option Town Councillor Royal Garden Party Invitations	Cllr Lloyd Suzanne Symons Cllr Lloyd Councillor Lloyd Councillor Lloyd Town Clerk Town Clerk Town Clerk Senior Officer by email	Rolling Rolling Rolling Rolling 2018 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9
Parks Castle ruins Car Parking Wilding Road and Radnor Road Play areas Bull Croft Working Party Limit Damage to Kinicroft	Councillor Norton Councillor Davidson Councillor Baroni Councillor Baroni Mr Gilbey/Mr Brett	
Tourism Use of the Town Hall for Events and refreshments that could be provided Residents Packs Twinning		

<p>Finance Investment Policy Community building on the parks yard Draft Income/Strategy Policy Spreading Treasury Stock Grants, as required Next year's budget Precept new housing 85 properties Possible engagement of an estates/asset manager next year. Charges – to include open spaces</p>		
<p>Personnel Full Evaluation of all job roles</p>		October 2018
<p>Planning</p>		
<p>Working Party Updates Neighbourhood Plan Civic & Ceremonial Bull Croft Trust Communications Regal</p>	<p>Cllrs Lloyd/Norton The Mayor Cllr Baroni The Mayor The Mayor</p>	<p>Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9 Deferred from 24/9</p>