

WALLINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

**Virtual TEAMS meeting of an Extraordinary Meeting Full Council on the Monday 16th
November 2020 at 7p.m**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Lee Upcraft

Councillors Beatty, Beauchamp, Dolton, Harris, Holford, Keats-Rohan, Kidley, Lester,
McGregor, Whelan and Wilder.

The Town Clerk, Mrs Paula Lopez

Responsible Finance Officer: Michelle Taylor

Senior Officer in Attendance: Barbara Atkins (Minute Taker)

1 member of the public/ 1 Member of the press

417. THE MAYOR TO ADVISE THOSE IN ATTENDANCE OF THE PROTOCOL FOR THE MEETING

The Mayor shared the protocol for the meeting.

418. APOLOGIES

Councillor Hughes had sent his apologies. Councillors Sinkinson & Cattermole were not present.

419. ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

There were no admission of the public 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.

420. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

422. PROPOSED CHANGES TO OFF-STREET PARKING IN SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

The Mayor stated he had called this extraordinary meeting of Council as the Town Council had until Wednesday to submit its formal response to the consultation which closes on 19th November 2020. Councillors discussed in detail and concluded:

- Now was not the time to for the District Council to increase/change parking arrangements when traders are struggling with Covid-19 implications
- Infrastructure should be in place for electric charging points before changes are made
- Sainsbury's at Didcot has ~~5~~ 2 hours free parking the same is needed in Wallingford otherwise shoppers will go there
- It was felt that there are no valid reasons for the change and the proposal should be rejected.
- Trying to align us with Henley and others will not work as Wallingford's needs are different
- Timing is wrong
- Free parking on Sundays is still required not just for residents but to attract tourists

Councillor Lester stated that District Councillor Levy was supporting Wallingford.

The Mayor stated that The District Council's Officer John Backley would like the Town Council's response by letter and the Mayor stated that he would send his personal response to Councillors so that this could be used as a basis for the Town Council's formal response. Any comments/additions would be appreciated by the evening of Tuesday 17th November 2020.

It was Proposed by The Mayor, Seconded by Councillor Kidley and

RESOLVED: THAT The Mayor submits the Town Council's formal response opposing any increase in the fees charged, the change from 2 hours to 1-hour free parking along with removal of free parking on a Sunday as the main reasons for the objection to the proposed changes to off-street parking in South Oxfordshire.

The vote was unanimous.

1916 Hours – Meeting Closed