

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A J Gundry
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W R Jones
R Budgen, S Cox, C C Doody, L G Grant, L V Penfold, S J Poole,
K Power and R F Sanderson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J E Exton, F Vandelli, H Webb, A C R Woodcock and K Wright

NOT PRESENT: Councillor M Jennings,

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public and Wiltshire Councillor J Thomson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

66. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th DECEMBER 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 15th December 2015, as circulated, be received and adopted.

67. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 8th December 2015, as circulated, be received.

68. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee meeting held on the 6th January 2016, as circulated, be received.

69. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 7th January 2016, as circulated, be received.

70. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 12th January 2016, as circulated, be received.

71. FUTURE USE OF THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The Town Clerk presented a report on the use of the ceremonial mace for meetings of the Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor

Penfold and RESOLVED that in future the ceremonial mace only be used at Civic events and not routine meetings of the Town Council.

72. EMERGENCY PLAN FOR MALMESBURY.

His Worship the Mayor introduced the draft Emergency Plan for Malmesbury and requested that it be endorsed by the Town Council. Councillor Power queried why no mention was made of Community Emergency Volunteers. Councillor Gundry advised that an article had been placed in a Town Council newsletter but no responses had been received. The plan could be adapted if and when volunteers were forthcoming. Councillor Sanderson requested that his name be removed from the plan as in his new role he would now come under the direction of the NHS.

It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Budgen and RESOLVED that the Emergency Plan be adopted.

73. COTSWOLD HOUSE

His Worship the Mayor opened discussion on a letter received from Wiltshire Councillor John Thomson seeking the Town Council's support for the proposed work of improvement at Cotswold House. He proposed that the Town Council support the scheme and this was seconded by Councillor Doody.

Considerable discussion ensued with many concerns expressed about the potential impact upon the Town Hall income stream and the fact that many of the parishes in the Malmesbury area already had suitable village halls, calling into question the need for further expenditure.

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Poole that any response to Councillor Thomson be deferred until after the open days had taken place and members given the opportunity to visit the premises. The Mayor withdrew his original proposal and that made by Councillor Jones was RESOLVED with the addition that the subject be further discussed at the next meeting of the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 20.24.