

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor W R Jones
Deputy Mayor Cllr A C R Woodcock
Councillors: R Budgen, S Cox, C C Doody, J E Exton, L G Grant,
A J Gundry, M Jennings, S J Poole, K Power, and
H Webb

APOLOGIES: Councillors: V L Penfold, R F Sanderson and F Vandelli

NON ATTENDANCE: Councillor K Wright

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Woodcock declared an interest in respect of Item on the grounds that he received a pension from BT.

Councillor Power declared an interest in respect of Item being a member of the Dementia Friends Group.

The Council agreed to suspend the requirement for either councillor to withdraw from the meeting and permit them to remain during discussion on those items.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No public questions.

60. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE DESIGN FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL HARE

Sue Steel presented her proposed design for the Town Council sponsored Hare. It was proposed by Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Webb and RESOLVED that the design as submitted be approved. The location to be considered by the Community and Town Promotion Committee and referred to the Town Council for decision.

61. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 20th December 2016, as circulated, be received and adopted.

62. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13th DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 13th December 2016, as circulated, be received.

Councillor Cox enquired when the working party would meet to consider the pedestrianisation of the Market Cross. Councillor Webb confirmed there would be a meeting on the 30th January.

63. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 5th January 2017, as circulated, be received and noted.

64. EXAMINATION OF PAYMENTS

Councillor Gundry informed the Council that both he and Councillor Budgen had undertaken an examination of the accounts and found all to be in order.

65. DEMENTIA PRESENTATION

The Town Clerk informed councillors of an invitation received from for there to be a presentation aimed at raising awareness of dementia. Councillor Power confirmed that the sessions were aimed at raising awareness and providing education on how to deal with and address those suffering from dementia. She also offered to provide the Town Hall and Facilities committee with a contact who would undertake survey of the Town Hall, a suggestions that was fully supported by His Worship the Mayor and fellow councillors.

It was proposed by the mayor, seconded by Councillor Webb and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated to arrange a session as described to include the councillors, representatives from the parish council, Heals, Town Team and members of the public.

66. OPENREACH AND FIBRE BROADBAND TIMETABLE

Councillor Grant explained that there had been numerous delays by Open Reach in providing fast broadband to the centre of Malmesbury, the latest date now being given as autumn 2017. Councillors Gundry and Budgen explained that fast broadband was available within some areas of the town but not in the central commercial area. It was proposed by Councillor Grant, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Mayor write to the operational manager and managing director seeking a firm deadline and expressing concern at the numerous delays.

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The meeting closed at 20.05 hrs.