

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in the Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor W R Jones
Deputy Mayor Councillor A C R Woodcock
Councillors: R E Budgen, C C Doody, J E Exton, L G Grant,
A J Gundry, K Power, and F Vandelli.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: S Cox, M Jennings, V L Penfold, S J Poole,
R F Sanderson and H Webb.

ALSO PRESENT: Two members of the public.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no public questions.

His Worship the Mayor introduced Mrs Barbara Pollard, Chair of the Wessex Week Organisers, who addressed the Town Council on the subject of Wessex Week and the ambition to provide a representation of King Athelstan in Malmesbury.

75. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21st February 2017, be received and signed as a correct record.

76. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2017.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 28th February, as circulated, be received.

Min 6c - Councillor Budgen explained that Malmesbury Town Council's letter of objection in respect of the appeal for 16/07288/OUT would be supported with letters from the two adjoining parish councils.

Min 9c – Councillor Vandelli enquired about the action to be taken to deal with the signs and wheeled refuse bin. Councillor Gundry explained that concern had been registered with Wiltshire Council who would arrange for an inspection before considering if any action is to be taken.

77. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2017.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 2nd March 2017 be received and noted.

Min 8 – Councillor Vandelli explained that the Hare Trail had been officially launched on 25th March but the Malmesbury Town Council hare had yet to be named. It was

proposed by Councillor Vandelli, seconded by Councillor Doody and RESOLVED that the hare be named "Queenie"

78. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th JANUARY AND 8th MARCH 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities meetings held on 28th January and 8th March 2017 be received and noted.

Min 6(25/1) – Councillor Grant and Councillor Budgen explained the issues around the Filands play area and section 106 funding. The Town Clerk advised on the communications with Wiltshire Council and advised the Council that the item had been placed on the agenda for the next Policy and Resources Committee.

79. EXAMINATION OF PAYMENTS MADE

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.

80. APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT – WESSEX WEEK ORGANISERS

The Council considered a request for a community grant made on behalf of the Wessex Week Organisers for the sum of £100 towards the printing costs for Wessex Week 2017. It was proposed by Councillor Budgen, seconded by Councillor Grant and RESOLVED that the grant be approved at the level of £300 in recognition of the benefits the event brings to the town. The payment to be towards the invoiced costs of printing for 2017.

81. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was proposed by Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Gundry and RESOLVED that filling the vacancy caused by the exclusion of former Councillor K Wright be left until the election.

82. COTSWOLD HARE TRAIL - ADDITIONAL HARE

Councillor Vandelli proposed that the Town Council accept the offer of a free hare to be located near the Abbey entrance. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Doody and it was RESOLVED that the hare be accepted free of charge to the Town Council.

83. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the remaining items of business it was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Budgen and RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

84. NEW SAFE AND ALARM

The Council considered the report of the Town Clerk and it was proposed by Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Power and RESOLVED that the alarm be upgraded and a new safe purchased as identified in the report.

85. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Council considered the report of the Town Clerk on the result of tenders received for grass cutting 2017. It was proposed by Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Power and RESOLVED that in view of the low standard of work provided last year the contract for 2017 be awarded to Mike Langley Maintenance.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.