

Malmesbury Town Council

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

PRESENT: His Worship, The Mayor Councillor W R Jones
Deputy Mayor, Councillor F E Vandelli
Councillors: M Asciak, R Budgen, C Burke, G Darling-Parkes, C C Doody,
J M Exton, P J Exton, L G Grant, A J Gundry, P J Newman,
K Power, C M Ritchie, P N J Smith and H Webb

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

The Town Clerk had previously notified the councillors that the presentation scheduled to be given at the meeting would not now be delivered.

42. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 2017.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 26th September 2017, be received and signed as a correct record.

43. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER AND 3RD OCTOBER 2017.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on the 12th September and 3rd October 2017, as circulated, be received.

44. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee held on 9th October.2017 be noted. The Town Council also resolved to agree the draft budget presented by the Joint Burial Committee for 2018/2019.

45. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources committee meeting held on 10th October 2017, as circulated, be received. The Town Council resolved to adopt the policy recommended by the Policy and Resources committee in respect of reduced hire charges for events.

46. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2017.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Hall and Facilities committee meeting held on 11th October 2017, as circulated, be received.

MIN 6 - Councillor Budgen enquired about progress on the Filands Park play area. The Town Clerk advised that quotations had been received for the work requested and ready to be considered by the Working Group.

MIN 8 – Councillor Gundry queried if the new name of the room known as the Hub should be “The Old School Room” or “The Old Schoolroom”, it having served as a schoolroom during one stage in its history. Councillor Burke replied that the committee had merely reverted back to the name selected after the refurbishment of the Town Hall and painted on the doors.

47. TO SELECT A COUNCILLOR TO SERVE ON THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Burke volunteered to act as a Town Council representative on the committee and was duly elected.

48. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk presented his report outlining the proposals made by the Parish Council representatives that the committee be dissolved and the Town Council left to run the cemetery. Councillor Webb confirmed the outcome of discussion at the last committee meeting whereby it had been agreed to seek the views of both councils. It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Darling-Parkes and resolved that the Town Council would be in favour of entering into negotiations to secure a mutually agreeable dissolution of the committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Webb and resolved that Councillors Jones, Ritchie and Vandelli be appointed to negotiate with the Parish Council with Councillor Newman as reserve.

The Town Clerk advised that although he would be able to assist the Town Council in the negotiations he would not be able to attend and take part as this was an issue to be determined by Councillors. He would be able to attend for the purposes of providing information.

49. TO CONSIDER A CONSULTATION PAPER FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL ON PARKING CHARGES.

Councillor Gundry presented his report on the latest consultation document issued by Wiltshire Council. It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Power and resolved that a corporate response be sent to Wiltshire Council on behalf of the Town Council. Councillor Gundry requested that all comments be passed to him by the 31st October after which the Town Clerk would respond on behalf of the town Council. Councillor Gundry requested that responses be forwarded to him by the 31st October.

The Mayor encouraged councillors to make their own responses as residents but not as Town Councillors.

50. TO CONSIDER ACTION TAKEN TO SECURE PURCHASE OF “QUEENIE”

The Town Clerk reported on the action taken to secure the hare known as “Queenie” for use by the Town Council. Councillor Darling-Parkes raised the issue that the Community and Town Promotion committee had previously resolved not to spend public money. Councillor Vandelli explained that the decision was made in respect of paying for expensive tickets to attend the public auction. A member of the public had received a considerable amount of pledged funding in order to secure the hare and all that had been asked of the Town Council was £530.

The Town Council supported the action of the Town Clerk and it was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Power and resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Poole for her work in securing the hare for the Town Council.

51. REPORT OF WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Grant provided a report to the Town Council on activities at Wiltshire Council. In particular he referred to the ongoing problems with the steps leading to the Waitrose store, changes to the way in which the local youth network would operate in future and how an approach similar to CATG projects will need to be considered, the review of Wiltshire Council ward boundaries, increases to councillor allowances and the method of recording votes at Wiltshire Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Webb and resolved that in the absence of any enforcement action or remedial work the Mayor would write to the developer, Waitrose and Wiltshire Council in an attempt to seek a remedy to the ongoing problem of the pedestrian steps to the Waitrose store.

Meeting closed 20.40 hrs