



Minutes
of the Town Council meeting held at
Bollington Cross Primary School
1st March 2022

Present: Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM),
Cllrs; Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), Sara Knowles (SK) James Nicholas (JN),
Judy Snowball (JS), John Stewart (JCS), Amanda Stott, (AS), Jon Weston (JW).
Town Clerk; Julie Mason.

The Mayor asked for a moment of reflection due to the current situation in Ukraine.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr JN due to being the Chair of the Northern Planning Committee.

Public Forum

There were four members of the public present. *One arrived at 7.30pm.*

One member of the public let an allotment at Harrop Road and was concerned that the Town Council were adopting more allotments behind the site. She knew there was a waiting list, but it concerned her that the car park only held four cars presently and if there were more allotments the car parking would be very difficult.

Cllr KE replied with the plans of the Town Council in relation to obtaining more allotments
The Chair replied her comments were noted and would be debated in the Assets Committee.

Apologies

Cllr A Williams due to feeling unwell, Cllr M Fearn due to work commitments and Cllr R Edwards due to family commitments.

Cllr S Knowles arrived at 7.03pm

35/22. To receive the Minutes of the meeting on 1st February 2022 (minute references 23/22- 34/22)

Resolved the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

36/22. To receive updates from the minutes

Cllr KE commented the 'Hole in the wall steps' had not been actioned by the Town Wardens. The Clerk thought they had attended site and it was clear, but she would investigate it.

37/22 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

Council Surgery	05/03/22	10.00am
<i>Cllr M Fearn & Cllr S Knowles</i>		
Personnel & Assets Committee	07/03/22	10.00am
Finance & Grants Committee	14/03/22	10.00am
Planning & Town Development Committee	15/03/22	7.00pm

Community & Environment Committee	22/03/22	7.00pm
Town Assembly	23/03/22	7.00pm
Full Council	05/04/22	7.00pm

To note the Committee meetings will be held in the Town Hall.

38/22 To consider planning applications below.

- **22/0357M**
1 HENSHALL ROAD, BOLLINGTON SK10 5HZ
Part demolition existing store and extend to form new store.
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
- **22/0508M**
LAND AT, CUMBERLAND DRIVE, BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE SK10 5PH
Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 & 4 on application 16/5140M -
Variation of condition 2 on approval 09/4335M - ERECTION OF 4
DWELLINGS ON LAND OFF CUMBERLAND DRIVE
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

39/22. To receive the Report from Cheshire East Councillors

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the written report from Cllr AS.

Cheshire East met on 24th February to debate the budget for the next four years. A friendly amendment had been accepted by the Independent/Labour administration to reprofile the highways budget. Originally the proposal was for a £7m increase for 2022/23 and £4m thereafter, but the new proposal is £10m and £3m for the next two years. The amendment was accepted, and more work will be carried out through the transport committee on allocation of funds. CEC also have funds to support maintaining highways and details will be released soon

There will be a review of the winter gritting programme on the agenda of Highways & Transport on 2nd March and Cllr HE would attend after being briefed by both Ward Cllrs and the Clerk. The panel for the Community Governance Review is due to start its series of meetings shortly, culminating in a special meeting of the Corporate Policy committee in April, and then onto a special meeting of Council later that month. There was a meeting programmed for 4/4/22 where members of the public can attend and Town/Parish Councils. This will then go to Corporate Policy Committee on 14/04/22 and into Full Council on 24/04/22. It was thought they will be held in Sandbach.

Cllr JW wished it to be noted the TC should not be held to ransom by ANSA and if they wished to withdraw the paid services to assist with gritting the town the TC should find alternative quotes for 2023/24.

It was noted Northern Planning is to be held on 23 March 2022.

40/22. To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and Resolve to accept contents and accept their recommendations:

Audit & Governance 02/02/22 (AG 01/22 – 09/22)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Cllr KE requested Part B were accepted later and it was agreed there needed to be a Part B added to this meeting.

RESOLVED the internal audit report and the Financial Risk Assessment were accepted subject to scrutiny at the Finance and Grants committee.

Community & Environment Committee 08/02/22 (CE 17/22-28/22)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

To agree the position of the trees and number for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the 11th of March 2022.

RESOLVED the Clerk was allocated a budget of £200 to purchase a Tibetan Cherry Tree and it would be planted in the Civic Hall Gardens. This would also include the plaque.

To revisit the minute reference 24/22 Bollington in Bloom. The Mayor, Cllr JN and the Clerk had done a site visit of the town and allocated spaces for hanging baskets near the business in the town. It had not been agreed to replant the hanging baskets on Market Place outside the houses.

RESOLVED the Council agreed in principle and were confident the committee would make the correct decision and gave them the delegated authority to manage the budget.

Planning & Town Development Committee 15/02/22 (- PT 13/22 - 23/22)

To note the discussion of P/T 22/22 on 05/04/22

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Personnel & Assets Committee 23/02/22

To note this meeting was cancelled due to not being quorate.

41/22. To accept the reconciled budget 2021/22

The reconciled budget had been circulated to all Councillors.

Resolved the budget was accepted by the Council.

It was noted the budget had only been reconciled twice in 2021/22 due to the absence of the RFO since August.

42/22 To accept the proposed Cheshire East transfer agreement to move land by Harrop Road allotments into the Town Councils ownership.

The comments made in the public forum time needed to be noted as they were valid in reference to parking.

Resolved the agreement was accepted in principle.

43/22 To accept the report from the Town Hall Working Group

The minutes from the WG and a summary of plans from Cllr JCS had been circulated. Cllr KE wished it to be noted that £10,000 had been previously spent by Macclesfield Borough Council to investigate moving into the Civic Hall and it had proven too expensive. It is a huge undertaking, and the public opinion is vital. He also felt it should be incorporated in the Corporate Plan. Cllr KE thought the aim of the project should be formulated and it had not been, the rationale and an analysis of what we actually need was important.

Cllr JW thought the process had not been thought through and the package of resource was essential. It had been done before and had been left as it was too expensive to deliver. There were so many considerations e.g., how many offices were needed with the new staffing structure, how much space for the chambers, the storage space and the police hub which saved the TC over £20,000 a year. He did not like desk sharing or to allow a lack of privacy for the Clerk.

Cllr SK thought public opinion was vital.

Cllr JS supported the thoughts of Cllr JW and added she was not convinced the space in the library was feasible to fit the Town Hall working team.

The WG requested £500 for high level drawings of the CH to see how it could be integrated and £600 to conduct an environmental study at the TH and the CH.

Cllr JCS replied that he took the comments from his fellow Cllrs and would consider them at the next WG.

Cllr JW stated there was no budget for the works and it should not come from the ear marked reserves for improvements in the TH, this was a funds taken from the precept payer and should not be reallocated.

Cllr JW called for a point of order

Cllr AS response that the monies taken were for repairs, improvements, and maintenance and to allocate the monies would be as they had advised the public when transferring the asset.

Resolved £600 would be allocated from ear marked reserves for the Town Hall to complete and environmental study in the CH and the TH.

44/22 To accept the new Committee Structure under Full Council for 2022/23

Resolved the new committee structure would be as follows.

Planning & Town Development Committee – meet once a month in the evening

Community & Environment Committee – meet once a month in the evening

Facilities Committee – meet eight times a year in the day.

Finance & Audit Committee – meet six times a year in the day.

Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee – meet four times a year in the day

The Cllrs were requested to give their preferred committee to the Clerk and the dates and structure would be circulated by the Clerk before the April Full Council meeting.

45/22 To receive the Corporate Plan

The Mayor had circulated the final draft of the Corporate Plan after the last Working Group meeting. The Cllrs were pleased that BTC had finally delivered the plan and thanked the Working Group.

Resolved the Corporate Plan was accepted subject to the new committee structure.

46/22 To note the balance of accounts Co-op Current £19,356.82, Co-op Deposit £20,049.00, Natwest Current £90,662.01, Santander Deposit £70,000.00 = £200,067.83.

Resolved to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 01/02/22 at £24,759.85 + £1,251.76 = £26,011.61.

Resolved the Ukraine flag would be flown at the Town Hall and the Clerk was asked to order a flag.

47/22 To note the resignation of Cllr S Knowles

Cllr S Knowles sadly offered her resignation to the Council. She thanked all the members for their support and explained how she had enjoyed serving the community of Bollington.

The public and the members of the Council left the meeting with the exception of the Mayor, Cllr JS, Cllr KE, Cllr JN and the Clerk.

47/22 PART B

Under Standing Orders 3d - Exclusion of the Public.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential natures of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.

The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.

It was **Resolved** to move to Part B

To accept the part B minutes of Audit & Governance Committee.

There was a discussion on the Part B minutes from the Audit & Governance Committee meeting on 2/2/22

Resolved subject to amendments the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed

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