



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 6th September 2022 @ 7pm

Prayers

The Council received prayers from Rev Nancy Goodrich.

Present: Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JCS)

Cllrs Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), David Kent (DK), Miriat Naiga (MN), Jo Maitland (JM), James Nicholas (JN), Judy Snowball (JS), Amanda Stott (AS), Angela Williams (AW),

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Declarations of Interest

Cllr JN due to being Chair of the CEC Northern Planning Committee and Cllr JM as she was a trustee of the Bridgend.

Apologies Nil

It was noted Cllr R Edwards and Cllr M Fearn had both resigned. The Chair wished to thank them both for their services to the Council.

Public Forum

There were three members of the public present. They wished to make no comments just to observe.

One member left at 8.15pm, one at 8.20pm and the last at 8.30pm.

There were two more member of the public present who had attended to stand for the two Councillor vacancies, one in Central Ward and one in East Ward.

106/22 To resolve to co-opt a Councillor for Central Ward

Candidate A was proposed, seconded and accepted by members of the Council.

The candidate answered the prepared five questions.

Resolved Mrs Sarah Butterworth was co-opted to be a Cllr in the Central Ward of Bollington Town Council.

107/22 To resolve to co-opt a Councillor for East Ward

Candidate A was proposed, seconded and accepted by members of the Council.

The candidate answered the prepared five questions.

Resolved Mr Ken Larby was co-opted to be a Cllr in the Central Ward of Bollington Town Council.

108/22 To receive the minutes of the meeting on 5th July 2022 (minute ref Nos 96/22 – 105/22)

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

109/22 To receive updates from the minutes

There were no updates from the minutes.

110/22 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment Committee	13/09/22	7pm
Planning Committee	20/09/22	7pm
Finance & Audit Committee	26/09/22	10am
Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee	27/09/22	10am
Ward Walk	September	Cllrs MN & DK

111/22 To receive report from Cheshire East Councillors

The report was accepted by Council and Cllr JM asked for it to be shared on social media.

112/22 To accept the minutes and resolutions from the Council Committees:

COMMUNITY & ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE 12/07/22 CE89/22 – 103/22

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 19/07/22 PT78/22 – 93/22

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

PT 87/22 To agree the purchase on a new mobile SDU. The existing SDU had failed, and the internal data was not retrievable anymore. The Clerk had obtained the following quotes for replacement.

Quote A - £2,834.31 plus VAT

Quote B - £2,755.00 plus VAT

Quote C – £2,940.00plus VAT

RESOLVED Quote A would be accepted subject to the Clerk checking the new SDU highway policy being launched by CE Highways.

RESOLVED £2,000 would be taken from the Transport Initiative budget and £1,000 from General Reserves this will be a virement of the budget.

PT 85/22 To confirm Ward Walks by Town Cllrs

RESOLVED the regular Ward Walks were accepted as an alternative to the Council Surgeries.

RESOLVED Cllrs could still conduct Council surgeries but to inform the Clerk of the organisation and dates so assist with communication.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 25/07/22 FA 16/22 – 25/22

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

RESOLVED Bollington Walking Festival - £591.00 and Canalside Radio - £1,500 – grants to be paid.

To accept the GDPR Audit from JDH Services Ltd undertaken on 15th July

The report was noted but it was agreed this would be deferred to Personnel, Policy and Governance Committee to recommend actions.

RESOLVED To note the budget drop-in meeting for Cllrs on 3rd October 10am until 1pm
COMMUNITY & ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE 09/08/22 CE104/22 – 120/22

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

CE108/22 To consider the recommendation from the Events WG on the provision of the Christmas lights and recommend a supplier to Full Council.

- Quote 1 - £4,315.00 + VAT with lights in situ for the Christmas Switch On event
- Quote 2 - £5,878.00 + VAT with lights in situ for the Christmas Switch On event and a month beyond
- Quote 3 - Sought but not tendered

RESOLVED: That Quote 2 was accepted.

The provision of the four town Christmas trees was discussed as this was quoted as a separate cost by the company tendering for Christmas lights as above (Quote 2).

- Quote 1 - £6,216.96 + VAT incl. decoration
- Quote 2 - £4,960 + VAT excl. decorations
- Quote 3 - £700 + VAT per tree, verbal quote only excl. decorations

RESOLVED: That Quote 2 was accepted with the addition of £450 to dress the trees.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 23/08/22 PT94/22 – 108/22

The following amendments were recommended

PT 97/22 To receive feedback from Cllr. JS on the tree applications after contact with Cheshire East.

Cllr. JS was still waiting for a detailed response from the Cheshire East Tree Officer.

To receive an update from Cllr. on the Tesco site

The report had been received and passed to the Town Clerk for actions.

RESOLVED subject to the above amendments the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The gritting budget had been exceeded so the committee recommended the following.

HURST LANE – Grimshaw Lane to Palmerston Street - £559.87

REDWAY – Oak Lane to Windmill Lane - £170.39

PLUS the Civic Hall Car park to be instructed by ANSA

The price was the cost of the salt and CE would take up the other costs.

This is an estimate on 75 visits and may change upon invoicing in May.

It was noted this was to be carried out by Cheshire East and was a three-year contract.

RESOLVED this would be accepted as a contract and Full Council gave the Clerk authority to sign.

Peaks & Plains Proposal

The Council were mindful to support this proposal but felt they could not make a decision until they knew that a public consultation had taken place and they had seen evidence of the proved need for these types of housing.

It was agreed feedback was required from the Planning & Town Development Committee of their proposal until a further meeting had held with the developer.

Footpath Officer Vacancy

The Clerk reported this vacancy had been filled by several people and a form devised on the website. The Chair was very pleased with the response.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE 30/08/22 FC 15/22 – 28/22

Cllr JN as Chair of the Committee asked the Council to revisit the resolution FC

20/22 Allotment land transfer after meeting with the resident concerned,

himself, the Clerk and the resident that day who had an issue with the land

ownership at the allotments he asked for a consideration. He reported that the

ownership of the land was finally agreed with by Cheshire East legal department and the resident, but the resident now wished to buy a small section of the plot due to be leased to the TC.

RESOLVED the Council agreed with the sale of the small section of land subject to the Allotment Working Group checking the plans from Cheshire East legal department and the land purchaser to install a hedge and fence along the boundary line.

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

Town Hall Working Group

Cllr AW wanted it noted that she did not see the reasoning behind the garage being converted to a chamber. It had been resolved that there would be an access from the side and a lift installed. She felt it was wasting time and the Council should pursue the original resolution. Cllr HE replied that the TH was not compliant for access and several options were being presented to Council for their decision. It was noted the decision had been made in 2014.

RESOLVED to increase the allocation of funds by £500 to £1,500 to the THWG.

Turner Rise Land

RESOLVED The Town Council agreed that the land should be transferred back to Peaks & Plains Housing Association.

RESOLVED the Town Council instructed Bowcock & Pursaill solicitors in Leek to act as solicitors on their behalf to complete the transfer.

Cllr JM asked the legal fees, and the Clerk responded it had been quoted at £650 plus VAT and disbursements in December.

RESOLVED Cllr HE would inform the resident's Committee on behalf of the TC.

Bollington Health & Leisure land transfer

The Clerk reported on actions from our solicitors (Thornycroft's) and feedback from Cheshire East Council on a meeting which should have taken place on 11th August.

RESOLVED the Council would pay the outstanding invoice from Thornycroft's would be paid up to a maximum of £1,000.

RESOLVED the Council would withdraw instruction from Thornycroft solicitors and Bowcock & Pursaill would be instructed to transfer the land and buildings from BTC to Bollington Health & Leisure. The Clerk would also write a letter of disappointment on the service.

RESOLVED the Committee gave the Clerk delegated authority to agree a fixed price on the instruction of Bowcock & Pursaill solicitors subject to the Chair and Town Mayor's agreement.

RESOLVED the legal fees would be taken from Ear marked reserves allocated to Turner Rise as a virement.

113/22 To accept the £8,000, spend from the allocated 498D & 498E Section 106 monies to allow Cheshire East to create a Master Plan

RESOLVED the Council approved the £8,000 spend from the allocated section 106 monies sat with Cheshire East Council to create a Master Plan.

114/22 To approve the budget video and agree the two meetings on 22nd September 6pm to 7.30pm at the Civic Hall and a virtual meeting on Saturday 24th September 11.30pm to 1pm.

The video was noted and a huge thank you to the resident who had completed it free of charge. The Clerk reported it would go live the next day.

115/22 To agree the Task Group for the Youth Council as school visits taking place in September and to recognise none return of DBS checks

The Chair asked the Cllrs support the Clerk and return the DBS checks as the deadline had been missed.

The school visits were now being conducted throughout September; the Clerk had made most of the arrangements but was awaiting the Secondary schools. The purpose was to engage all the schools.

RESOLVED the Task Group agreed to engage with the schools and establish the Youth Council would be Cllr JCS, Cllr JM, Cllr KE, Cllr HE and Cllr KL.

Subject to their DBS checks being returned.

116/22 To consider Planning Applications which require Comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

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16 HAMSON DRIVE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5SS

External alterations to rear doors and rooflight and internal alterations

RESOLVED No Objection

117/22 To note the balance of accounts Co-op Current £7,434.41 Co-op Deposit £20,052.46, Natwest Current £101,557.80 Santander Deposit £70,000.00 = £199,064.67 on 31.8.22.

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 03/08/22 at £22,849.54 inc £1,005.03 VAT plus Receipts £9,763.08.

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 01/09/22 at £17,367.05 inc VAT £880.41 plus Receipts £3,308.07

The information had been inspected by the Town Mayor Cllr J Stewart and and the Chair of Finance & Audit Committee Cllr Amanda Stott.

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

Brookbank House Lease

Appendix 1

Civic Awards

Appendix 2

105/22 To note the next Full Council meeting to be held on 4th October 2022 at the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....