



## **Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 @ 7pm**

### **Prayers**

The Council received prayers from Rev Nancy Goodrich.

**Present:** Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JCS)

**Cllrs;** Sarah Butterworth (SB), Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), David Kent (DK), Ken Larby (KL), 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 – 22/4036M & 22/4037M.

### **Apologies**

Cllr Miriat Naiga due to work commitments.

### **Public Forum**

There was one member of the public present to reiterate his thoughts there should be a youth club. He had ideas on the structure and the method of payments and a suggested site.

*The member of the public left at 7.07pm*

### **130/22 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Minute Nos 119/22 – 129/22)**

Cllr K Edwards requested an amendment 122/22 To receive report from Cheshire East Cllr KE debated the consultations from Cheshire East Council and asked for the Transport 20 Plenty to be taken to the T, T Working Group. He wished to add ' *the Town Council worked with the Ward Councillors to achieve this aim with a Working Group*'

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

### **131/22 To receive updates from the minutes**

**RESOLVED** the Warm Spaces would be extended until the end of December.

**RESOLVED** the Civility & Respect pledge would be debated at the December meeting.

### **132/22 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements**

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment	08/11/22	7pm
Planning & Town Committee	22/11/22	7pm
Finance & Audit Committee	28/11/22	10am
Ward Walk	November	Cllrs JM & KL.

### **133/22 To receive report from Cheshire East Councillors**

At the Council meeting on 19 October the Deputy Leader, Cllr Craig Browne confirmed the current position of the SADPD with regards to the final approval of the Inspector. The Inspector concluded that the plan can be adopted subject to the inclusion of some modifications. Final adoption of the Plan will go to full council on 14 December. The Plan will subsume all the former plan of the Borough Councils. Cheshire East are offering grants of between £250 and £1000 to organisations to help set up or improve existing warm spaces for the community this Winter.

Also approved by the council is the new Members' Code of Conduct. The report mentions that many Town & Parish councils adopt the code of the principal authority. A notice of motion DEBATE NOT HATE that was supported by Cheshire East at the recent council meeting, this may be of interest to the Town Council. Northern Planning is to be held on 16 November - the agenda will be published five working days beforehand.

### **134/22 To accept the minutes and resolutions from the Council Committees:**

No meetings held.

### **135/22 To debate the draft budget for 2023 with the intention of agreeing the precept figure for 2023/24.**

The Chair opened the debate after the estimated closing balance for 2022/23 was presented at £125,000 and the estimated closing balance on 31.03.24. The figures were dramatically reduced from the reserve figure in previous years as it was £54,340 (*estimated spend not confirmed*) last year we opened with £181,000.

The Clerk explained the budget for 2023/24 under each cost heading.

The following recommendations were presented.

- i) Sponsorship of the newsletter
- ii) Enquire of the reduced cost of Aubergine at £500 the website provider
- iii) Reduce the Christmas budget from £16,500 to £8,000
- iv) Enquire if a budget was required for Solar Panels
- v) Remove the scarecrow monies at £50.00
- vi) Enquire if the mayors allowance needed to be increased
- vii) Enquire of more Noticeboard quotes to reduce figure from £5,000
- viii) Remove the Transport & Travel Initiative budget at £1,000
- ix) Remove £5,000 Ashbrook Road budget in 2022/23
- x) Recalculate the staff costs after new information and the Chair of Finance advised they could reduce by £10,000
- xi) Remove the Bowling Club toilets refurb from his year's budget 2022/23

The Chair explained that the precept was £220,000 in 2022/23 and after an increased expenditure on the buildings, compliance, and projects in the financial year we anticipated to reduce our carry over to £125,000. If we continued the spend and were aware of increase in staff costs plus utility bills we would be in unacceptable position at the end of 2023/24. The general reserves needed to be a minimum of three months outgoings.

**136/22 To receive the minutes from the Youth Task Group meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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

**137/22 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting**

**22/3977M**

**SYNERGIST EXPRESS LIMITED, CLARENCE MILL, CLARENCE ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JZ**

Listed building consent for new external air handling unit including fixing of pipework to building.

**RESOLVED OBJECTION**

**22/4028M**

**68 CHURCH STREET, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5QD**

Install a conservatory to the rear of the property.

**RESOLVED NO OBJECTION**

**22/4036M**

**1 ALDERLEY VIEW, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JW**

Removal of front door platform and reinstate steps, replacement of front window sill, take down the failing retaining wall and rebuild, window replacements, construction of a single storey rear extension and construction of rear yard wall.

**RESOLVED NO OBJECTION**

**22/4037M**

**1 ALDERLEY VIEW, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JW**

Insertion of velux rear roof to elevation (retrospective)

**RESOLVED NO OBJECTION**

**138/22 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £7,530.42 Co-op Savings - £20,075.40 Natwest - £178,185.64, Santander £70,000.00 = £275,791.49**

**RESOLVED** to pay the approved payments

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

**139/22 To note the next Full Council meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Town Hall.**

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....