



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 3rd January 2023 @ 7pm

Prayers

Prayers were received from Rev Nancy Goodrich.
Rev Nancy Goodrich left the meeting at 7.05pm

Present: Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JCS)

Cllrs; Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), David Kent (DK), (*arrived at 7.25 pm*)
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.

Apologies

Cllr Miriat Naiga and Cllr Sarah Butterworth no reasons submitted.

Public Forum

No members of the public.

01/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 6th December 2022 (Minute Nos 140/22 – 152/22)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate.

02/23 To receive updates from the minutes

No matters were raised by members.

03/23 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment	10/01/23	7pm
Planning & Town Committee	17/01/23	7pm
Finance & Audit Committee	30/01/23	10am
Ward Walk	January	Cllrs JS & SB

Due to the unexplained absence from Cllr SB, the Chair asked the Clerk to try and replace her on the Ward Walk with Cllr JS.

04/23 To receive report from Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr AS apologised it was a verbal report, but it was due to the length of time the agenda was produced before the meeting. The Cheshire East budget consultation was live from Friday 6th January, and she encouraged members to make representations. December had been quiet at Cheshire East, but she wished to remember three Councillors, two of which were serving at the time as they had sadly passed away over the seasonal period.

It was noted CHALC were running two consultation sessions on the CE budget on the 12th and 24th January.

05/23 To agree to accept the Civility & Respect Pledge

858 Town & Parish Councils had taken the pledge as advised as best practice from NALC and SLCC. Civility and respect should be at the heart of public life, and good governance is fundamental to ensuring an effective and well-functioning democracy at all levels.

The intimidation, abuse, bullying and harassment of Councillors, Clerks and Council staff, in person or online, is unacceptable, whether by councillors, clerks, council staff, or public members.

This can prevent councils from functioning effectively, councillors from representing local people, discourage people from getting involved, including standing for election, and undermine public confidence and trust in local democracy.

When the pledge is undertaken it by signing the Pledge, your council is agreeing that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles and that it:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy
- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/champion council through for example the local Local Council Award Scheme
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate

RESOLVED Bollington Town Council will adopt the Civility& Respect Pledge.

06/23 To Resolve to appoint the Deputy Mayor for 2023/24 subject to being elected in May 2023.

Proposer Cllr KE proposed Cllr Judy Snowball and conducted a speech of support.

Seconder Cllr AW seconded Cllr Judy Snowball and conducted a speech of support.

Cllr DK arrived

As in the Standing Orders 21g the vote was by secret ballot.

RESOLVED Cllr J Snowball would be Deputy Mayor in 2023/24 subject to being elected in May 2023.

07/23 To Receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

FACILITIES COMMITTEE FC 42/22- 59/22

Outstanding Thorneycroft invoice for works at BHL

FC 48/22 The Clerk had met with Cllr JS and Cllr KE and a further letter of complaint had been sent registered post and an offer of £500 to settle the account.

FC 48/22/ 50/22 58/22 To purchase a safe as advised by the Internal Auditor

RESOLVED to take out approved costs from General Reserves and to note the safe cost £600.00.

Two quotes had circulated to place thermostats on the Civic Hall and the Town Hall.

i) Quotation 1 – Town Hall £1,037.00

ii) Quotation 2 – Civic Hall £1,534.00

RESOLVED the Committee accepted the quote of £1,534.00 to replace and repair the thermostats at the Civic Hall and would defer the Town Hall repairs until a decision had been made on the replumbing of the system.

RESOLVED this would come from General Reserves.

FC 50/22 To agree recommendations at the Civic Hall as follows.

- Blinds repair and replace at Quote £495.00

RESOLVED the blinds would be replaced and repaired

- To repair the sliding doors which are damaged checked by the Town Wardens.

ii.Quote 1- £695.00

iii.Quote 2 - £645.00

Due to the high quotes the Clerk had approached 'Ravenswood Joinery' to check if they were capable of the repair work and they had indicated they could repair it although it was noted they were not approved manufacturers.

RESOLVED the Clerk was given delegated authority to make the necessary arrangements whilst obtaining the best value for money.

- Repairs to gas/ electric utility door

RESOLVED the Clerk was given delegated authority to repair the rotten door and frame up to £500.00. This would be taken from General Reserves.

FC 51/22 To receive the asbestos report carried out by Greens contractors and agree remedial works

RESOLVED the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements to repair and this would come from General Reserves.

RESOLVED the THWG will not pursue further plans for converting the garage at this time as they were not viable.

RESOLVED the Committee asked the THTG to obtain costings to make the Town Hall accessible for visitors and energy compliant.

Turner Rise

The Clerk updated FC that she had the land valued at circa £10,000 but consequently Peaks & Plains had agreed to the transfer back.

Cllr KE stated that the TC had taken the land in good faith that it would be left as open space.

RESOLVED the Clerk would enquire if P & P would dispose of the land or retain it as open space. If their intention as to sell the land the proceeds ideally should split.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes from 12/12/22

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 164/22 – 181/22- 13/12/22

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Events WG meeting held on 5th December 2022 were received.

RESOLVED: That a 'Bollington Goes Green Week', using the Great Big Green Week is planned for 2023.

CE174/22 To provide an update on the council and community's response to the cost-of-living crisis.

RESOLVED: That the Warm Space provision is extended to Tuesday mornings in January and February 2023 and that attendees are asked if they require transport. It was noted that the Community Grocery Store is due to launch in Bollington on 26th January and volunteers had been sought to support it.

To **RESOLVE** to accept the minutes from 13/12/22

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 21/12-22

CANCELLED

PERSONNEL, POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 22/12/22

CANCELLED

08/23 To agree to make the necessary repairs to the retractable seating following a service carried out in December at a cost of £1,371.31 plus VAT

RESOLVED the seating would be repaired as recommended in the service carried out on the 9th November 2022.

RESOLVED this would come from General Reserves.

Cllr KL wished to be present to check the works as they seemed expensive.

09/23 To consider the option from Cheshire East Council on the transfer of garage sites at Kingsway and Pool Bank Car Park

Cheshire East Council had enquired if the Town Council would be willing to take on the garages at Pool Bank and Kingsway. The deadline was 27th January 2023.

It was agreed more information was required before an informed decision can be reached.

10/23 To agree the format of the 'Drop in - Election 2023' session for information from existing Councillors on being a Councillor.

It was agreed that the venue at the Civic Hall would not be the most effective place to engage with the public.

The Clerk proposed different locations such as Waterside Café, Mulberry Leaf and the Dog and Partridge Inn to be more appropriate. Cllrs would sit in for an hour in locations across the town to engage on the role of a Town Cllr before elections in May 2023.

Cllr KE asked for a pack to be produced on the basic role and possible questions and answers which could be raised.

It was agreed the Clerk would organise venues, times, an information pack, and Cllrs attendance.

11/23 To discuss the format of the Town Assembly on 1st March 2023.

Cllr KL wished to be able to communicate with the community from his own Cllr email address and interact on their thoughts and then give them together with Councillors answers on their concerns. He felt as a member of the public he was closed down last year. Cllr JM felt it was hard to manage members of the public when they wished to have so much time within the meeting when the agenda was strict.

The format was discussed at length and best method of interaction.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Jackie Weaver as a guest speaker on the role of a Cllr. There would not be a question-and-answer session directed to all the Council but the Cllrs would break off into separate areas and there would be a 'one to one' session with the public.

12/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

22/5006M

14 OVENHOUSE LANE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5EY

Demolition of existing porch and conservatory and proposed single storey front extension and two storey/single storey rear extension and alterations.

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

13/23 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £6,977.91 Co-op Savings - £20,075.40 Natwest - £141,412.04 Santander - £70,000.00 = £238,465.35

RESOLVED approved the Accounts for Payment dated 03/01/23 £31,288.38 inc.£3,264.77 VAT. Plus, Receipts = £5,562.09

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

14/23. To note the meeting dates for Full Council and Committees in 2023

The meeting dates for 2023 had been circulated. The PPG meeting in December required a change, the numbers of meetings in August was queried and Cllr AS felt many Cllrs would be preparing for the elections in April.

Cllr, HE asked members to consider the aims and objectives for the working groups before May 2023. She felt some were not making progress with the exception of the Neighborhood Plan WG.

RESOLVED the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk would make recommendations to the Chair of Committees to decide how many Working Groups and the purpose.

15/23 To note the next Full Council meeting to be held on 7th February 2023 at the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....