



Minutes

of the Town Council Meeting held at the Civic Hall

7th September 2021 @ 7.00pm

Present: Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM),

Cllrs ; Ken Edwards (KE) Helen Ellwood (HE), Mark Fern (MF), Sara Knowles (SK), James Nicholas (JN), Judy Snowball (JS), John Stewart (JS), Amanda Stott, (AS), Jon Weston (JW), Angela Willams (AW).

Town Clerk; Julie Mason.

Public Forum

There were two members of the public present.

One of the members of the public was a part of the 'Save Bollington Green Belt' group and wished to ask the Council to financially support legal advice from the barrister previously instructed. The group were willing to contribute £600.00. She felt time scales were very short as the reply on the issues raised in the CEC response to the SADPD inspectors' questions needed to be commented on by the 24th of September. She would welcome the TC to make a decision this evening on who would be representing BTC.

Time for Reflection

Charlotte Simpson had submitted apologies.

Apologies

Cllr Roland Edwards due to annual leave and Cllr John Stewart due to work commitments.

8190. To receive any Declarations of Interest:

Cllr JN - Head of Northern Planning Committee

8191. To receive and confirm the Full Council Minutes 06/07/21 (Minute Nos. 8176 – 8189).

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

8192. To receive updates from the Minutes

Cllr KE wished it noted that the recording of the meeting on 15th April 2021 should be on the website as similar to the Mayor making ceremony in May. The Chairman responded that this was not usual practice at BTC.

8193. To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

All meetings are to be held at Bollington Town Hall with the exception of Full Council.

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| Community & Environment Committee | 13/09/21 | 7.00 pm |
| Planning & Town Development Committee | 14/09/21 | 7.00 pm |
| Personnel & Asset Management Committee | <u>17/09/21</u> | 2.00 pm |
| Full Council | 05/10/21 | 7.00pm |
| Community & Environment Committee | <u>13/10/21</u> | 7.00 pm |
| Planning & Town Development Committee | 16/10/21 | 7.00 pm |

8194.To consider planning applications below;

- 127 Wellington Road, Bollington Cheshire SK10 5HT
Variation of conditions 2 & 10 on approval 17/1891M.
RESOLVED OBJECTION
- 21/4250M 33A Grimshaw Lane, Bollington SK10 5PT
Single Storey infill rear extension
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
- 21/4292M 30A Palmerston Street, Bollington Cheshire SK10 5PX
Demolition of a timber garage and the construction of a replacement stone garage
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

8195.To receive the Report from Cheshire East Councillors

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the written report provided by the Cheshire East Councillors and to note its contents.

Dates concerning the hearings for the SADPD had been received including information on how to prepare for participation.

The consultation for the CGR reviews would be going out after 2nd September for a twelve-week period. The Town Council have been invited to attend sessions which are being held to give councils more information on the process.

At the Strategic Planning Committee in August the item was approved for recommendation of a ten-pitch transit site near Middlewich. Once the site is developed it means that travellers can be moved on to the Middlewich site away from local sites. Cheshire East has a legal duty to provide a travellers' site which hasn't been in place for many years.

The Parking Strategy which aims to unify parking on Cheshire East car parks across the borough, will be on the agenda for the Highways & Transport meeting on 21st September postponed from the August meeting.

Northern Planning is to be held on 1st and 29th September and the agenda will be published five working days beforehand, there are no Bollington items on 1st September agenda.

The Mayor enquired about the consultation of car parking charges and it was noted Cllr JN would speak as a Ward Cllr when on the CE Highways agenda.

8196.To receive and accept the resolutions from Council Committees.

- Community & Environment Committee on 13/07/21
Resolved the minutes CE26/21 - CE43/21 and resolutions were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- Planning & Town Development on 20/07/21
Resolved the minutes and resolutions were accepted as a true and accurate record.
SADPD – Inspectors hearing in October
Full Council discussed the comments raised in the public forum time and the process that BTC wished to follow to be represented at the inspectors hearing plus the response to the CEC reply to the SADPD inspector's questions.
Resolved Full Council will support up to £1,314.00 for legal advice subject to a contribution of £600 from 'Save Bollington Green Belt'.

Resolved the Mayor would approach Professor M Burdekin the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to ask if he would be prepared to represent BTC.

- Personnel & Assets Committee on 21/07/21

Resolved the minutes PA 21/20 - 29/21 and resolutions were accepted as a true and accurate record.

- Community & Environment Committee on 10/08/21

Resolved the minutes CE44/21 - CE58/21 and resolutions were accepted as a true and accurate record.

- Planning & Town Development on 17/08/21

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

- Audit & Governance Committee 25/08/21- part A

Resolved the minutes AG11/21 - AG16/21 and resolutions were accepted as a true and accurate record.

8197. To accept the draft Corporate Plan as draft by the Working Group

The Mayor explained due to the absence of the Deputy Mayor who was the chair of the Working group she would like members to send in their relevant comments and observations into the Clerk within the next week for circulation as the intention was to include the plan in the newsletter.

It would then be on the agenda in October.

8198. To approve the following payments.

- 02/08/21 Payments

£20,145.70 + VAT £1,807.17 = £21,952.87

- 01/09/21 Payments

£15,093.30 + VAT £856.64 = £15,949.94

Resolved the payments were approved as a true record. It was noted the accounts had been checked and approved by the Town Mayor and the Chair of Finance.

8199. To approve the eLearning quote for Councillors and staff training.

It was agreed this would be deferred to the Personnel & Assets Committee.

8200. Social Media Policy

The Mayor wished to remind Councillors of the Town Council's Social Media Policy and to remind them of their obligations whilst acting as a Councillor.

8212. To approve the production of the newsletter to all households

i) £755.00 plus VAT quote A

ii) £774.00 plus VAT quote B

iii) £813.00 plus VAT quote C

To note a delivery charge of £480.00.

Resolved the Town Council would accept quote B to produce a hard copy newsletter and it was resolved as there was no budget heading it would be a virement of monies from the project budget to a new heading of communication.

8213. To discuss the venue of the next Town Council meeting on 5th October 2021

It was not possible to move regular users from the Civic Hall to utilise it for Council meetings.

Resolved the Clerk would find another venue for the Town Council meeting in October.

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

Personnel & Assets Committee Part B dated 10th August

Resolved to accept the recommendations made by the Personnel Committee.

Cllr S Knowles left at 9.30pm

Employment Law advisors

- I) Quote A - £9,420 for a three-year contract
- li) Quote B - £3,000 per annum for three years
- lii) Quote C - £2,100 per annum for three with a breakout clause after two years.
- Iv) Quote D - £3,000 - £4,000 for a one-off cost.

Resolved Quote B would be instructed by Full Council.

This would have to be a virement from the budget earmarked reserves under the Town Hall repairs budget in 2021/22

Cllr A Williams left at 9.45pm

Staff absences

Resolved the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk would be given delegated authority to approve the payments of overtime and locum staff until staffing levels were resumed.

Resolved the Town Council would instruct TCS Management Ltd to operate the payroll at cost of £540.00 plus VAT per annum.

This would have to be a virement from the budget earmarked reserves under the Town Hall repairs budget

Audit & Governance Committee Part B dated 25th August 2021

Cllr JS proposed some amendments to the draft minutes which were accepted by Full Council.

Cllr KE expressed his concern about no written report and some inaccuracies which had been debated.

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

8214. Date of Next Council Meeting: 5Th October 2021 @ 7pm in the Ovenhouse Lane Community Centre

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Signed

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