



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 5th September 2023 @ 7pm

Prayers

Prayers were received By Rev Nancy Goodrich

Present: Town Mayor Cllr Helen Ellwood (HE)

Cllrs: Cllr G Appleton (GA), Cllr K Edwards (KE), Cllr J Maitland (JM), Cllr N Macartney (NM), Cllr J Snowball (JS), Cllr J Stewart (JCS) Cllr A Williams (AW).

Chair: Cllr H Ellwood

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Maitland - 23/3074M, Cllr A Williams – Oliver Trust Sick Trust, Cllr K Edwards – Oliver Trust Sick Trust.

Cllr AW explained that the Oliver Trust Sick Trust was founded in 1826 and comprised of a board of trustees (of which she was one) but only received income from the interest on monies held and the Covid Funds would be of great benefit. They held currently £16,570.00 on 30/05/23 and examples of spend were £300.00 towards a stair lift, presents given to the house bound, and a donation towards a disabled reclining chair.

Apologies

Cllr J Withers due to holidays, Cllr R Hardwick due to holidays, Cllr M Broadbent due to ill health and Cllr D Kent due to a family emergency.

Public Forum

Four members of the public were present and Cllr John Place - CE Ward Cllr. One member of the public had attended to ask for the TC's support with planning application 23/3074M. She wished to replace the windows and doors on her property to help with the heating costs (to reduce the carbon footprint) plus improve security and had done this whilst trying to be in keeping with the conservation area. A member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group had attended to discuss the benefits of the NP 2018 Review. He emphasised the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy was 2010- 2030 and was due to be reviewed before 2040 and the Bollington Town Council NP was therefore even more important to be checked and in place to protect our planning regulations. Some land in the town has been moved from Green Belt status to Safeguarded land which again won't be protected forever from development.

The Chair thanked him for offering to Chair the Neighbourhood Plan WG. Another member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group attended as an observer.

92/93 To make a decision on the following planning application

23/3074M

15 QUEEN STREET, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5PS

Replacement of timber sash windows and timber doors with sliding sash UPVC windows and composite doors.

RESOLVED No Objection

Cllr JCS asked for it be noted that a resident has followed the correct procedure which was refreshing when changing windows in the conservation area.

93/94 To elect the Deputy Mayor for the remaining of the ensuing year 2023/24.

RESOLVED Cllr J Snowball was elected as the Deputy Year for the remaining of 2023/24.

The Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr JS and the Clerk.

94/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 4th July 2023 (Minute Nos 82/23 - 91/23)

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

95/23 To receive updates from the Minutes.

It was noted that the budget of £8,000 was not sufficient to cover the Christmas Events in 2023. The grant had been approved of £1,500 from the Beer Festival and there was a donation of £1,000 which still left a short fall of £261.00.

RESOLVED there would be a virement of the budget monies from the Horticultural budget to Christmas Events.

Cllr NM updated members on the library consultation stating the reduction in hours was only 4 hours which were accommodated over the week and not half a day closure. He had helped create a group called 'Friends of the Library' and they were due to meet the Chief Executive of the CE libraries at the end of the month, which was all positive news.

96/24 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements.

Community & Environment Committee	12/09/23	7pm
Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee	13/09/23	10am
Planning & Town Development Committee	26/09/23	7pm
Finance & Audit Committee	23/10/23	10am

97/23 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 11/07/23 (CE 76/23- CE 89/23)
CE084/23 To recommend to Full Council the allocation of the Covid Funds at a sum of £2,356.63.

RESOLVED: the monies in the Covid Fund would be allocated to the Oliver Sick Trust subject to adhering to the adopted Grants Policy.

There must be an article produced in the Town Council Newsletter

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

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 17/07/23 (FA 27/23 – FA 35/23)

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

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 25/07/23 (PT 77/23- PT 88/23)

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

Cllr KE wished it to be noted that as Ward Councillor he had called in 23/2515M 24 Chancery Lane.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE 31/07/23 (FC 45/23- FC 58/23)

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

To accept a virement of the budget from Town Hall business rates rebate of £2,040.10 to Civic Hall Repairs & Maintenance budget.

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PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 15/08/23 (PT 89/23- 100/23)

RESOLVED Mr M Burdekin would be elected as the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan WG.

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

Pool Bank Car Park

Cllr JS asked for a payment to pay Chester Archives to investigate if there was any record of the car park being gifted to the residents of the town. Cllr KE stated it belonged to Cheshire East and this information would not assist the case. It was noted the consultation was due to commence on 6th September until 18th October.

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

98/23 To resolve the allocation of Pool Bank Car Park Section 106 monies to another project.

RESOLVED the monies would be allocated to the improvement works at Ashbrook Road

99/23 To adopt the recommended Cheshire East Code of Conduct

RESOLVED the Code of Conduct was adopted.

100/23 To resolve to adopt the updated three-year Corporate Plan as agreed by the Chairs of the Committee

The Mayor thanked the Chairs of the Committees, the Town Clerk and the Town Manager for all the hard work which had delivered the three-year plan CP.

RESOLVED the Corporate Plan was adopted.

101/23 The Council confirms by resolution at a full council meeting that it meets all requirements for the Foundation/Quality awards and that all documentation and information is in place for the Quality Gold award and if applicable, is published.

RESOLVED the Council were satisfied that all the relevant documents and information were in place for the Clerk to submit the Local Council Award at Gold level.

102/23 To resolve to accept the following statements for the Local Council Award

- Provides leadership in planning for the future of the community.
- Engages with the Community on issues related to the environment and climate change.
- Manages the performance of the Council as a corporate body.
- Manages the performance of each individual staff member to achieve its business plan.
- Ensures the Council delivers value for money.

RESOLVED the statements were all accepted by Full Council.

103/24 To adopt the policy to evidence the Town Council recognises its duties in relation to biodiversity and crime and disorder.

RESOLVED the policy was accepted by Full Council.

104/23 To adopt the Risk Management Policy

RESOLVED the policy was accepted by Full Council

105/23 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors

The CE report was noted, and the Council thanked both Cllr KE and Cllr J Place as it was very detailed and informative.

Cllr JP wished it to be noted the high standard of the Corporate Plan and asked it was circulated to the town through the newsletter, website, and Facebook.

106/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

23/1205M

WINSFORD, FLASH LANE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 4ED

Demolition of existing detached dwelling and construction of replacement detached dwelling with detached garage.

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

106/23 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £74,039.88 Co-op Savings - £20,165.65 Natwest - £51,971.64 CCLA - £70,000.00 Petty Cash £108.44 = £216,285.61

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 05/09/23 £24,650.55 + VAT £1,156.00 = £25,806.55 Plus - Receipts = £8,774.41.

The information is to be inspected by the Town Mayor, Cllr Helen Ellwood and Chair of Finance, Cllr Nigel Macartney.

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 nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.

The public's exclusion from part or all 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 agree the Civic Award Nominations as proposed by the Events Working Group

RESOLVED the recommendations for Civic Awards were agreed by Full Council

FACILITIES COMMITTEE Appendix1 31.07.23

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

107/23 The next meeting will be held on 4th October 2023 at the Town Hall @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....