

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL

held on Monday 16th April 2012

PRESENT: Councillor D.J. Lacey - Town Mayor (presiding)

Councillor	V.M. Abraham	Councillor	P.J. Hudson
"	A.K. Bacon	"	R.C. McCulloch
"	Miss R.K. Bhatti	"	Mrs C.M. Michael
"	Ms J.E. Bramwell	"	Mrs A.M. Pirouet
"	N.L. Brown	"	M.W. Shaw
"	Mrs P.R. Cherrill	"	C.H. Spruytenburg
"	M. Fayyaz	"	F.S. Wilson
"	T. Franks	"	P.W. Yerrell

Officer: W. Richards - Town Clerk

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs C. Littley

98. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 27th February 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

99. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs A.M. Pirouet and M.W. Shaw declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 in light of their representation on the Youth Council.

100. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Town Mayor invited questions from the public. No questions were forthcoming.

101. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members had before them and duly noted the list of the Town Mayor's engagements from 27th February - 16th April 2012.

The Mayor reported Thames Valley Police had confirmed its intention to reduce Chesham Police Station's opening hours from 20 hours to 12 hours and he proposed to

Members that the Clerk be requested to write to Thames Valley Police to express again the Council's opposition to this proposal. This was agreed by Members.

102. **CHESHAM YOUTH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Youth Council meeting on the 22nd March 2012 were presented and noted.

103. **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor V.M. Abraham and seconded by Councillor Mrs P.R. Cherrill and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 27th February 2012, be received and approved.

It was moved by Councillor V.M. Abraham and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. R. Cherrill and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 19th March 2012, be received and approved.

104. **RECREATION AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs P. R. Cherrill and seconded by Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and the Arts Committee held on 19th March 2012, save for Min No. 77, be received and approved.

Arising out of Min No 77 of the meeting, Councillor Brown queried whether the Committee had the authority to determine the disposal of assets. Since the Clerk did not feel he was able to give an absolute clarification on this immediately, the Mayor recommended that the matter be reconsidered at the end of the meeting. This was agreed by the Council.

Note: Councillor Ms Bramwell left the meeting at 8.20pm

105. **INQUORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 26th MARCH**

The Council considered the informal notes of the inquorate Policy and Resources Committee meeting scheduled for the 26th March and discussed the reports and the items needing resolution.

Pertaining to the proposed amendments to standing orders, Councillor Wilson highlighted the fact it was proposed there be no upper limit on spending on matters of emergency when undertaken in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and Chairman of appropriate Committee. However Members were of the view that emergencies, particularly ones that may endanger the public's health and safety needed to be acted upon immediately and it would be wrong to limit the spending in such a circumstance.

Pertaining to the Waterfowl Management Policy, Councillor Shaw clarified that the policy was to be reviewed every four years and not five years as recorded in the notes of the meeting.

After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED

1. That the report in respect to Review of Standing Orders be approved and the proposed changes be agreed.
2. That the report in respect of the Internal Auditor's report be noted and that South East Employers be engaged to develop a new standard employment contract.
3. That the Waterfowl Management Policy as outlined in the report be adopted for a further four years.

106. **PAY SCHEDULE NO. 6**

Following consideration of Pay Schedule No. 6, it was

RESOLVED

that Pay Schedule No. 6 in the grand total of £137,048.41 be approved and the various payments and transactions set out therein be confirmed.

107. **INFORMATION ITEM**

The item presented on Information Sheet No. 16 was received and noted.

108. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

It was moved by the Mayor and

RESOLVED

that the public and the Press be excluded from the following item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Access to Meetings) Act 1960, as matters which are considered to be confidential are about to be discussed.

109. **LAND AT DEPOT**

After some discussion on the Recreation and the Arts Committee Min no 76, it was moved by Councillor Bacon and seconded by Councillor Yerrell that the resolution, as agreed at the Committee, remained unchanged. This was **CARRIED** by 9 votes to 1.

It was further agreed that any alternative proposals for the maintenance of the area be considered anew as and when they were received.

It was

RESOLVED

that the resolution made in respect of Minute No 77 of the Recreation and the Arts Committee of the 19th March 2012 be confirmed.

110. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

TOWN MAYOR

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