

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2017/18 MEETING TC01

Minutes of the meeting of **TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2017 at 7.00pm in the Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. Bowkett, M. Davies, M. Drummond, J. Fielder, A. Gould, E. Hudson, D. Ingram, J. Morgan, D. Patrick, S. Perry, C. Rogers, E. Weston and Mayor Cllr M. Willis [**Chair**],

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L. Bruton (Town Clerk), Miss S. Blackhurst (Assistant to the Clerk), WCC – Cllr. K. Pollock. And 3 members of the public.

1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

1.4 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPORT – CLLR. K. POLLOCK

Cllr. Pollock spoke regarding the current Public Realm works on Teme Street, stating that they were doing a first class job and that the work was going well. Work should be completed by the 21st of April in time for the opening of the new Tesco Store. Cllr. Pollock also stated that the small section, approximately 10ft from the edge of Tesco's section of the Public Realm works and the bridge will be updated too either by Tesco's contractors or by Worcestershire County Council when they carry out the next phase of work.

Cllr. Pollock noted that the replaced kerb on the Burford side of the bridge was not holding up to the heavy traffic that turns there, but was not sure at this stage, what action would be taken.

Cllr. Pollock reported that the next stage of the Public Realm works on Teme Street, being undertaken by Worcestershire County Council was scheduled for September, but that currently the working terms of the contract for Ringway had not been agreed so a definite duration for these works could not be given, though he envisages 12 weeks being sufficient.

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Cllr. Pollock said that there had been an attempted theft of batteries from the Household Recycling Centre. He also mentioned that the planting scheme to disguise the boundary fence was to commence on the 6th April.

Cllr. Gould asked, with regards the next phase of Public Realms work, if Cllr. Pollock could clarify how long it will take and whether the traders will be offered recompense should it run over schedule.

Cllr. Pollock said that recompense would not be offered as it was infeasible to say exactly how long the works would take, but that they should take around 12 weeks. Permission had not yet been granted for the contractors to undertake work after hours and weekends.

Cllr. Bowkett asked to emphasize the importance of the timing of the stage 2 Public Realm works. Cllr. Pollock stated that there should be no need for traffic lights during the duration of the works so disruption would be minimal.

Cllr. Hudson asked again about the possibility of compensation to the traders if the works lasted more than 12 weeks, therefore running into the Christmas period. He stated that on a commercial contract, penalties could be paid.

Cllr. Pollock said that there was no determined contract at this time as the schedule of works was still to be decided.

Cllr. Hudson asked could it be considered that a fixed term be put into the contract as he thought this would give the traders some peace of mind.

Cllr. Pollock reminded the Council that Worcestershire County Council has provided the Town with the overflow car park for this very type of situation, as it was realised the importance for ample nearby parking to the traders businesses.

1.5 MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR. A. PENN

Cllr. Penn was, unfortunately, unable to attend the meeting. Cllr. Penn had submitted a monthly report from which no questions were raised.

Cllr. Bowkett asked if it was known whether the refuse collections were to remain on a weekly basis. Cllr. Willis replied that to his knowledge the refuse collection service was going out to tender. The Town Clerk agreed to get more information on this.

1.6 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH MARCH 2017'

Cllr. Weston proposed, Cllr. Patrick seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 6th March 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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1.7 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES.

Members noted the minutes of the meetings detailed below:

Facilities Committee – 13th March 2017

Planning Committee – 20th March 2017

Finance and Staffing Committee – 20th March 2017

Cllr. Perry proposed, Cllr. Drummond seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the Facilities Committee held on the 13th March 2017, the Planning Committee held on the 20th March 2017 and the minutes of the Finance and Staffing meeting held on the 20th March 2017 were noted.

1.8 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REGAL AND MANAGEMENT, BY THE REGAL TENBURY TRUST

No report had been received at the time of the meeting. The Town Clerk stated that there was no contractual requirement for a report to be issued.

1.9 PLANNING APPLICATION

To receive an update on Planning Application **Ref: 16/00502/FUL** Construction of 48 dwellings including access, landscaping and associated infrastructure at the land south of Morningside, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8EW.

To consider and nominate a representative to address the Northern Area Development Committee on Wednesday 5th April 2017 on planning issues regarding the application. A maximum of **3 minutes** is available for the Town Council representative to speak.

Following a discussion Cllr. Willis suggested and it was agreed that Cllr. Hudson would represent Tenbury Town Council at the Northern Area Development Committee meeting on Wednesday 5th April 2017 with support from Cllr. Fielder and Cllr. Davies.

1.10 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIVISIONAL FUND

To note the divisional funding received from Worcestershire County Council as approved by Cllr. Pollock.

The Town Clerk reported that the divisional funding from Worcestershire County Council was £2,700 made up of £1,300 for the provision of white village gates and £1,400 for the provision of new 'Welcome to Tenbury' signs. The preferred signs could not accommodate the twinning information.

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Worcestershire County Council provided a revised quote of £2,120, meaning a shortfall in available funds, which would need to be met by the Town Council. This has not been budgeted for at this time and the Council may need to cancel the order and return the monies to Worcestershire County Council.

The Council queried if the suppliers were aware that they did not have to site new signage structures, merely change the sign itself and if this would make a difference to the cost.

The Town Clerk will request more information from the Highway and Transport Control Centre.

The Council noted the divisional funding from Worcestershire County Council as approved by Cllr. Ken Pollock.

1.11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Cllr. Willis, seconded by Cllr Perry and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

To exclude the Press and Public on the grounds that the consideration of the following items may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

1.12 LAND DEVELOPMENT

The Council received a presentation from Paul Davies, Paramount Land & Property Consultants with regard to potential land development.

1.13 MAYOR'S COMMENDATION

To consider and approve awarding a Mayoral Commendation to a member of the public for their services to the community.

Cllr. Willis proposed, Cllr. Gould seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

To award a Mayoral Commendation to a member of the public for their services to the community.

1.14 TENNIS CLUB

The Council considered and reviewed the terms of the Tennis Club licence agreement for the financial year 2017/18

RESOLVED:

The Council agreed to revise the terms of the Tennis Club Licence for the financial year 2017/18

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1.15 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Cllr. Gould proposed, Cllr. Rogers seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The confidential minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 6th March 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

.1.16 RE-ADMISSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There being no further confidential business to consider, the Press and Public were re-admitted.

1.17 CORRESPONDANCE FOR INFORMATION

None

1.18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

1.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Town Meeting – Monday 10th April 2017 at 7pm

Annual Council Meeting – Monday 8th May 2017 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm

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