



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022
AT WALLACE HOUSE AT 6:30PM

- PRESENT:** Councillor: Mark Goodge (Mayor)
- Councillors: Sarah Schaathun (Deputy Mayor), Robert Raphael, Frances Smith, Alan Booth, Jenny Johnson, Marlene Sale, Andrew Dyke, Robert Hale, Julie Haines, Chrissy Smith, Beryl Timbrell, Wendy Dyke, Tim Haines, Peter Knight and John Clatworthy
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Jo Adams, Town Clerk
- ALSO PRESENT:** The Mayor's Chaplain Rt Revd Robert Paterson; Mick Hurst and Bruce Taylor, Battle of Evesham; Michael Worrall, Evesham Twinning Association; 1 member of the public

The Mayor led a minute's silence in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth who had passed away on the 8th September 2022.

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

Report from the Battle of Evesham

Mick Hurst reported on the year's activities. The Battle of Evesham event had drawn an estimated 35,000 people. It was one of the region's leading re-enaction events but was now struggling for space to grow. In 2023 there would be a Park and Ride from The Valley. The committee hoped to register it as a charity to be able to maximise chances of attracting funding. The Medieval Banquet was next in the calendar and would take place on the 22nd October, with 140 tickets sold. In December, a Christmas Artisan Fayre was planned over the weekend of 26th/27th November. Mr Hurst noted the Battlefield project, currently being planned, and would report in more detail at a future meeting.

Report from Evesham Twinning Association

Mr Michael Worrall reported that the Twinning Association would be ending and the funds transferred to the Town Council, as required in the Association's constitution. The association had been struggling in recent years with a shortage of committee members and local hosts. Currently there were three twin towns each with a charter with Evesham, and decisions would need to be made on the future of the charters.

56/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Norbert Tucker, Julie Tucker, Sue Amor, Bill Kimberley, Nigel Deacon and Patrick Boyd.

57/22 Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Smith – item 7 NHB. Member of Communities and Funding Advisory Panel, Wychavon.
Cllr Johnson – item 8 Town Hall. Hirer.
Cllr Hale, item 5 Finance. Shareholder of BHGS.

58/22 Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor had attended many events since his last report. His full report is attached to these minutes.

59/22 Minutes of the the Town Council meeting of the 11th July 2022

It was resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2022 be adopted as a true record.

Minutes of the the Extraordinary Town Council meeting of the 15th August 2022

It was resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2022 be adopted as a true record.

60/22 Finance: Payments for July and August

It was resolved that the Town Council payments for July and August 2022 be approved.

61/22 District Councillors report

The item was deferred.

62/22 Funding for A Changing Place

The council had previously supported a New Homes Bonus award for A Changing Place disabled facility as part of a new church and community building project, run by Evesham Baptist Church. Following the pandemic, prices had risen exponentially and the project's aims had been scaled down to fit the available funding. The project co-ordinator had asked if the Town Council would support the reallocation of the NHB funds to the wider project rather than the specific facility originally planned. The final decision would be made by Wychavon but the Town Council's agreement was requested. It was resolved to support the request for reallocation of the funds.

63/22 Town Hall

Cllr Dyke reported that there were various issues with the Town Hall that needed addressing, including the interior decoration, inventory of the kitchen, improvements to the blinds and curtains, and review of the booking system. The situation with roof also needed to be clarified, as rainwater ingress continued to damage the hall's decoration. The working group had a small membership and would benefit from more support. Cllrs Schaathun, Raphael, Smith, Hale, Booth and Clatworthy put themselves forward to join the group, and it was agreed that the working group investigate the improvements required and report back to council.

64/22 Condition Survey of Cemetery Chapels

Quotations had been requested for a condition survey of the cemetery chapels. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Nick Joyce Architects for a survey (scaled drawing) and building condition survey.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, concerning the following item: 10, Report and recommendations from the Personnel Committee

65/22 Report and recommendations from the Personnel Committee

- i. To receive a report and recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting
- ii. To consider recruitment of an Admin Assistant

It was resolved to carry out internal recruitment for an Administrative Assistant.

66/22 Mayor's Speech of the Proclamation

It was resolved that the Mayor's speech at the Proclamation be entered into the public record and appended to the minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Public Questions

There were none.

Cllr Mark Goodge
Mayor

The Proclamation of the Accession

of

King Charles III

which took place in

Evesham, at the Market Square

on

10th September 2022

We come together this afternoon following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our sadness at this time is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest-reigning Monarch.

But the basis on which our monarchy is built has ensured that through the centuries the Crown has passed in an unbroken line of succession.

Today's ceremony marks the formal Proclamation to the people of Evesham of the beginning of our new King's reign.

Yesterday the Accession Council met at St. James's Palace to proclaim our new Sovereign. The flags which had flown at half-mast since the Queen's death were raised briefly to their full height to mark the start of His Majesty's reign.

The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. The High Sheriff of Worcestershire discharged that duty earlier today and now, with my humble duty, I bring the words of the Proclamation to the residents of Evesham.

Ladies and Gentlemen. The Proclamation of the Accession.



A PROCLAMATION

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace this tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Mayor's Closing Remarks

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming to this historic occasion.

The Mayoralty of Evesham was created by Royal Charter in 1605, and over more than four centuries and more than 400 Mayors later, King Charles III is now the 19th monarch to whom we have pledged our allegiance.

Once upon a time, this is how everyone would have heard of the accession of a new monarch. The palace would proclaim it, and then send riders on horseback to shires, where the sheriffs would proclaim it, and they in turn would send riders to the towns and boroughs for the Mayors to proclaim it.

Modern technology has changed that. Queen Victoria was the first whose accession announcement was conveyed by steam train rather than stage coach. King Edward VII was the first whose accession was announced by the electric telegraph. Edward VIII was the first whose accession was announced on the radio. And now Charles III is the first whose accession has been announced on the Internet. Technology changes, but our traditions remain. I stand here before you just as my predecessors have done.

Only 17 previous Mayors of Evesham have stood here to read the Accession Proclamation, and the last time it happened was longer ago than any previous gap between them. This is the end of an era, and none of us here today will see another like it.

As we move from the Second Elizabethan age – the Great Elizabethan age – into a new Carolean age, we look both back and forward. Back to our history and our traditions which have survived wars, plagues and disasters as well as

triumphs and have come through them all with renewed strength, and forward to the world that you and I are responsible for making.

The new King deserves our support and our commitment. The country he rules over, the towns, villages and cities in which we live and work, deserve it even more. Now is the time to renew our promise to the next generation that we will bequeath them a world which is better than the one we inherited.

And when the time comes for one of my successors to stand here again, whenever that may be, I trust that whatever part of his or her speech that looks back to today will be able to reflect on the progress that has been made, just as I can reflect on progress since the previous Accession.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming today. But more than that, thank you for where you're going after today. Thank you, now, for the work that you will do in the coming years to make this, too, a glorious age. Thank you.

Cllr Mark Goodge, Mayor of Evesham

Mayoral engagements since the July Town Council meeting

July

Sunday 17th – Mayor and Mayoress hosted civic guests at the Evesham Civic Service.

Tuesday 26th – Mayor attended Evesham Rotary Club dinner as guest speaker.

August

Thursday 4th – Mayor and Mayoress performed official opening of Tequila & Lime restaurant, High Street.

Saturday 6th – Mayor performed official opening of the Battle of Evesham Festival and hosted civic guests at the Medieval Village.

September

Sunday 11th – Mayor attended Service of Commemoration for the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at All Saints Parish Church.

Sunday 11th – Mayor attended the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III at Wychavon Civic Centre, Pershore.

Sunday 11th – Mayor delivered the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III to the residents of Evesham in the Market Square.

Thursday 15th – Mayor and Mayoress attended Battle of Britain Commemoration at Waterside Cemetery.

Sunday 18th – Mayor and Mayoress attended Service of Thanksgiving for the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Worcester Cathedral.

Friday 23rd – Mayor and Mayoress attended the Mayor of Worcester's Inaugural Banquet.

Sunday 25th – Mayor and Mayoress represented Evesham at the Mayor of Upton-upon-Severn's Civic Service.

Sunday 25th – Mayor attended the Derek Wells Memorial Concert at Evesham United Football Club.

Thursday 29th – Mayoress attended the official opening of Evesham Mop Fair performed by Cllr Alan Booth.

Friday 30th – Mayoress attended Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Applebarn Restaurant, The Valley.

October

Friday 7th to Saturday 8th – Mayor, Mayoress and family attended the Foire Saint Denis in Dreux, France as guests of the Mayor of Dreux.