



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

- PRESENT:** Councillor: Mark Goodge (Mayor)
- Councillors: Sarah Schaathun (Deputy Mayor), Sue Amor, Alan Booth, Jenny Johnson, Nigel Deacon, Wendy Dyke, Andrew Dyke, Robert Hale, Julie Haines, Chrissy Smith, Beryl Timbrell, Julie Tucker, Norbert Tucker, Tim Haines, Bill Kimberley, John Clatworthy and Patrick Boyd
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Jo Adams, Town Clerk
- ALSO PRESENT:** The Mayor's Chaplain Rt Revd Robert Paterson; Caroline Tredwell Place Project Officer (Evesham), Wychavon District Council; Steve Knight, Place Projects Manager, Wychavon District Council; 3 representatives from Walkers are Welcome; 2 representatives from Bluebell Markets

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

Report from Evesham Ramblers Club

Alan Saunders reported that the club wished to apply for Walkers are Welcome accreditation for Evesham. The move would promote walking in the town and tourism but there were criteria to meet first. Many of these could be handled by the club, such as maintaining the path network and demonstrating support from local people. The council was happy to support the accreditation the group were invited to attend the next Town Plan meeting.

67/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Robbie Raphael and Peter Knight.

68/22 Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Johnson, agenda item 8 Town Hall. Hirer.

Cllr Hale, agenda item 5 Finance. Shareholder of BHGS.

69/22 Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor had attended Civic Services at Droitwich and Redditch, the Medieval Banquet at All Saints Church and had attended the fundraising opening night of the new Karma Restaurant. He had attended the Evesham Operatic Dramatic Society's production of Light

Up The Laughter. He had attended the Evesham services on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

70/22 Minutes of the Town Council meeting of the 10th October 2022

It was resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022 be adopted as a true record.

71/22 Finance:

i. Payments and Receipts for September 2022

It was resolved that the Town Council payments for September 2022 be approved.

ii. Budget report for Quarter 2, 2022/23

The budget report for Quarter 2 was noted.

72/22 Joint Projects – Evesham Town Council and Wychavon District Council

Steve Knight presented his report, which outlined Wychavon's Joint Projects for 2023/24 in Evesham. It was resolved that the Town Council would contribute £15,000.

73/22 Bonfire 2023

It was resolved to set the date of the 2023 bonfire as Saturday 4th November 2023.

74/22 Town Hall

Cllr Mrs Dyke reported that the curtains in the Town Hall had been hooked back up other than one, which was harder to access. Signs had gone up to indicate that there were drawstrings to close the curtains, in an effort to prevent them being detached by hirers trying to close them by pulling them across. No Smoking / No Vaping signs had been put up. Some of the blinds were in a very poor state and had been taken down. These needed replacement and quotes were awaited. The group wished to request a budget of £5,000 with which to carry out these improvements, to include the blinds and getting ties put onto the Chamber chairs. Larger work such as painting the window frames would be done separately and were beyond the scope of the 5,000 budget. It was resolved to allocate a budget of £5,000.

75/22 SWDP Consultations

- i. To consider a response to the SWDP Review Consultation
- ii. To consider a response to the Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites

The consultations were noted. The council had no comment on the documents.

76/22 Samuel Wallace Smedley Trust

It was resolved to reimburse the Trust for the cost of the invoice for Professional Fees.

77/22 Bell Tower Clock Repairs

It was resolved to meet 50% of the cost of repair works to the Bell Tower clock.

78/22 Town Plan Committee Recommendation

Cllr Tucker reported that the Bus Back Better report outlined items of concern among bus services locally. The report had been endorsed by the Town Plan committee and she asked

the council asked for its support, to add weight to calls for improvement to bus services, links between services and publicity for bus provision. It was resolved that the council fully endorsed the report.

79/22 Report and Recommendations from the Finance Committee

- i. To make an application for Council credit cards
It was resolved to accept the recommendation and make an application for council credit cards.

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 items: item 13ii, Charter Market Contract; item 14, Report and Recommendations from the Personnel Committee.

- ii. To agree terms for the Charter Market contract
It was resolved to accept the recommendation for the terms of the Charter Market contract.

80/22 Report and Recommendations from the Personnel Committee

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. The terms of the new Administrative Assistant role were confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Public Questions

There were none.

Cllr Mark Goodge
Mayor