



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2023
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

- PRESENT:** Councillor: Mark Goodge (Mayor)
- Councillors: Sarah Schaathun (Deputy Mayor), Sue Amor, Alan Booth, John Clatworthy, Andrew Dyke, Julie Haines, Tim Haines Robert Hale, Jenny Johnson, Bill Kimberley, Robbie Raphael, Frances Smith, Beryl Timbrell, Julie Tucker and Norbert Tucker
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Jo Adams, Town Clerk
- ALSO PRESENT:** The Mayor's Chaplain Rt Revd Robert Paterson

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

116/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Wendy Dyke, Chrissy Smith, Pat Clifford, Nigel Deacon and Marlene Sale.

117/23 Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Hale, agenda item 8 Finance. Shareholder of BHGS.

118/23 Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor had been a guest on the Vale Matters podcast. He had also attended the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

As it was the last Town Council meeting before the election, the Mayor thanked those councillors who had decided not to stand for election this time. He paid particular tribute to Cllr Frances Smith and Cllr Norbert Tucker for their long service and dedication to the council.

119/23 Report from County and District Councillors

There were no reports.

120/23 Clerk's Report

All wards in Evesham parish were contested in the forthcoming elections. Results would be released throughout the day on Friday 5th May. The existing council retired and the new council took office on the same day, Tuesday 9th May.

Coronation civic parade: the existing council would still be in office at the time of the coronation and all were welcome to walk in the parade. Councillors were asked to confirm their attendance.

The full programme of Bands in the Park had been completed.

121/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023 be adopted as a true record.

122/23 Committee Minutes

- a) **Extraordinary Town Plan 13th March 2023:** It was resolved to approve the minutes including the committee's recommendations subject to the addition to the minutes of Cllr Hale's apologies.
- b) **Finance & General Purposes, 20th March 2023:** It was resolved to approve the minutes including the committee's recommendations.
- c) **Planning and Estates, 27th March 2023:** It was resolved to approve the minutes including the committee's recommendations.

123/23 Finance

It was resolved that the Town Council payments for February 2023 be approved.

124/23 Flag Protocol

Since the installation of the flagpole adjacent to the Almonry, requests had been made to the Town Council offices to fly a flag other than the Union Flag. A list of potential additional flags had been circulated, along with a draft Flag Protocol. The protocol was discussed and it was clarified that the flag would be flown at half-mast on receiving a report of the death of both serving officers and serving non-commissioned officers.

Cllr Raphael proposed that the following flags be flown, and purchased if the council did not currently own one: the flag of St George, the Welsh flag, the flag of St Andrew, the Commonwealth flag, the flag representing Armed Forces Day, and the Diversity (Pride) flag. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Schaathun. Cllr T. Haines proposed an amendment that the council purchase those listed excluding the Diversity Flag. A vote was taken on the amendment, which was defeated.

A vote was taken on Cllr Raphael's proposal and it was duly resolved to purchase the flags listed. It was further resolved to accept the Flag Protocol, and review this once per council term.

125/23 Open Space Land at Pershore Road

As part of the large development on Pershore Road situated behind Hampton Farm Shop, a large area of open space had been created. There was an additional grassed area by the road. Cllr Kimberley requested that the Town Council investigate naming the areas after royalty. Currently the ownership of the area was still with the developer.

It was resolved to support the request to name the areas of land after King Charles and Queen Elizabeth II. The request would be made of the owner of the site, whether it be

taken over by the district council or remain with the developer. Permission would need to be sought from the Palace.

126/23 Bengeworth Memorial Garden

In 2016, Evesham Town Council created a Memorial Garden for the burial of cremated remains in Bengeworth Cemetery. Guidelines were drawn up for the memorial tablets in line with the area as a Victorian Cemetery. The regulations did not permit the use of colours.

Recently, permission had been requested for a tablet with a red poppy, to memorialise the deceased's work with the Royal British Legion.

It was resolved to extend the regulations to include red poppies on memorial tablets, for their specific representation of Remembrance.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

Public Questions

There were none.

Cllr Alan Booth
Mayor