



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023
IN THE WALLACE HOUSE, OAT STREET, EVESHAM AT 6:45PM

- PRESENT:** Councillor: A. Booth (Mayor)
- Councillors: S. Amor, S. Brotherton, J. Campbell-Muir, J. Clatworthy, M. Goodge, M. Griffiths, P. Griffiths, A. Lyon, S. Schaathun, C. Smith and J. Tucker
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Jo Adams, Town Clerk
- ALSO PRESENT:** The Mayor's Chaplain Revd Caroline Green; 11 members of the public

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

70. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs N. Deacon, A. Dyke, J. Haines, T. Haines W. Kimberley, C. Kimberley, E. Nishigaki P. Scurfield R. Raphael. Apologies had also been received from John Campion, the Police and Crime Commissioner.

71. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

There were none.

72. Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor welcomed Peter Griffiths to the council. Cllr Griffiths had been elected uncontested to Little Hampton ward on the 6th October. The Mayor reported that he had attended the Mop Fair alongside other councillors. He noted that the Remembrance Sunday commemorations would take place on the 12th November and requested that councillors make efforts to attend. The Bengeworth Parade would take place again this year on Sunday 19th November and councillors were welcome.

A short discussion took place on the Mop Fair; the public toilets should be open on all evenings. Also, there had been a dangerous mix of pedestrians and cars on the High Street as people thought the road was closed to traffic but it was partially open. Signs warning motorists of pedestrians in the road and a 10mph advisory speed limit were suggested.

73. Police & Crime Commissioner

The Police and Crime Commissioner had sent apologies.

The Mayor agreed that residents could ask questions relating to police matters despite the Police and Crime Commissioners absence. Residents spoke about the frequency of drug dealing and sometimes drug taking in plain sight in multiple areas of the town.

Cllr Booth noted that new CCTV cameras were due to be put up in the town including in the High Street. The cameras should be more visible and signs be put up, to maximise the deterrent effect of the cameras. There was pressure on the CCTV monitoring team at Wychavon as they were required to monitor Worcester city as well as the towns.

Cllr Campbell-Muir had been part of a meeting the previous week involving district, town and county councillors along with representatives from the police and Vecta. Shop owners' greatest concerns were anti-social behaviour and shoplifting. The group discussed an initiative currently operating in Stratford upon Avon where traders paid an uplift on their business rates to pay for additional services which could include enhanced town security.

74. Updates from District and County Councillors

Cllr Griffiths reported that the planning application for the pedestrian and cycle bridge was in progress. It would be a county planning application so would not be issued by Wychavon.

75. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Some councillors reported that they had not received copies of the meeting minutes, so the item was deferred to the next meeting.

76. Committee Minutes

- a) Planning & Estates – 18 September 2023
- b) Town Plan – 25 September 2023
- c) Personnel – 2 October 2023

The item was deferred.

77. Finance

The reports were noted and it was resolved that the Town Council payments for September 2023 be approved.

78. Appointment of a Town Councillor Representative to serve on Two Shires Greenway

The Two Shires Greenway was a project to deliver pathways for walkers and cyclists from Evesham to Alcester and Broom to Stratford. It was suggested that an appointment be drawn from members of the Town Plan Committee and Robert Hale was put forward in his absence, as a keen cyclist. This was agreed, subject to his agreement.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.35pm.

Public Questions

Included at minute 73.

Cllr Alan Booth
Mayor