

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.15PM ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, Mrs S Horsman, L Podmore, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart and G Smith

Opening Prayer

40. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

41. Questions to the Mayor

There were no questions from members of the public.

42. Apologies for absence

Cllrs C Gorst, I Hollingworth, G King, H Murray, Mrs T Lorde, Mrs J Saunders and Mrs N Wylie.

43. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

44. Approve previous meeting minutes

Page 70, regarding the damaged column; a member noted that despite the installation of the new street light standard, the stump of the previous street light is still there. This was first reported six months ago. Although the street light has been replaced it is still not working. It was requested that CE Poynton Town councillors pressure CE to resolve and complete the works. Also that the Clerk refers the matter to the Operations Manager.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 31st July 2017 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

45. Mayor's Engagements/Announcements

Members expressed their thanks and commended the Mayor for the extensive efforts in raising the profile of Poynton and the excellent fund raising to date.

RESOLVED: That the report is received (NC)

46. Receive, approve and accept the Town Council's completed annual return for 2016/17, the external audit certificate, together with a covering letter from BDO LLP, the external auditor.

The Clerk spoke on the Town Council's completed annual return for 2016/17, the external audit certificate, together with a covering letter from BDO LLP, the external auditor. The public statement has been displayed as required. The letter from the external auditors notes that PKF Little John LLP are the new external auditors appointed to the Town Council.

The Clerk confirmed that the interim audit is completed by the Town Council internal auditor. The Clerk will explore options in relation to internal auditors.

RESOLVED: The Town Council's completed annual return for 2016/17, the external audit certificate, together with a covering letter from BDO LLP, the external auditor is received and approved (NC)

47. Receive and consider a report from Cllr Laurence Clarke on the revised proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries in the North West proposed by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England.

Cllr Clarke spoke on his report on the revised proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries in the North West proposed by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England and provided members with the background to the issue.

Members commended the excellent report from Cllr Clarke. It was proposed that the Clerk reply to the Boundary Commission that the Town Council is in agreement with their proposals and include the information in the PUN and on the Town Council website.

RESOLVED: That the report from Cllr Clarke on the revised proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries in the North West proposed by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England is received. That the Clerk reply to the Boundary Commission that the Town Council is in agreement with their proposals and the information included in the PUN and on the Town Council website (NC)

48. Receive and consider the Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 'Making Cheshire Safer: Our Plans for 2018-19'.

It was proposed that the public are made aware of the report and request the public to respond to the consultation.

A member noted that it is important that the service is retained to be able to launch a rescue for high rise blocks in Macclesfield from within Macclesfield because it would be too far to provide the rescue service from any other location.

It was proposed that a response to the consultation is submitted based on the discussions from this meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 'Making Cheshire Safer: Our Plans for 2018-19' is received. That a response to the consultation is submitted based on the discussions from this meeting (NC)

49. Receive and adopt the minutes of standing committees

It was proposed that items 1, 2, 4 and 5 should be contained within the public part of the meeting. Only item 3 which includes reference to names should be maintained within the confidential minutes. It was proposed that this practice to ensure transparency is adopted in future.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 3rd April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein, subject to the agreed amendments, be adopted by full Council (NC)

A member raised concerns about Deva Park and asked if there had been any progress in relation to improvements at the park. From discussion it was agreed the Clerk will pursue the issue with CE and this will be included as an agenda item with a report at the next FIED committee meeting. Cllr Beanland continues to pursue the matter with the CE Leader, Cllr Bailey.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 26th June 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council. That the Clerk pursue the issue of improvements at Deva Park with CE with a report to the next FIED committee meeting where this will be included as an agenda item (NC)

It was confirmed that the minutes of the COPS meeting have not been signed by the Chair of the committee.

It was clarified that minutes have to be approved and signed at the next committee meeting. However for security purposes a signed version of the minutes does not need to be circulated to councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk will confirm on circulation for approval that the minutes have been signed.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 3rd July 2017 are deferred until after they have been signed by the Chair of the committee to be received at a future Town Council meeting (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 10th July 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 24th July 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 24th July 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 14th August 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 4th September 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

A member noted that it is regretful that CE granted permission for the Sprink Farm development.

Page 82; the Clerk will check with the Deputy Clerk to find out about application "f" which is missing from the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 11th September 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 11th September 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council. That the Clerk pursue the issue of improvements at Deva Park with CE with a report to the next FIED committee meeting where this will be included as an agenda item (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 18th September 2017 are deferred until after they have been signed by the Chair of the committee to be received at a future Town Council meeting (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 25th September 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 2nd October 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

50. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting

Agenda Items 8 and 9.

RESOLVED: That the communication messages as stated are agreed (NC)

Meeting end time: 8.55pm