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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday, 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

PRESENT: Cllrs D Batey (Chair), R Allwood, D Cumberlidge, P Hancock, R Murray, M Pringle, L Shilling, R Shilling, T Spratley, M Staley, C Ward and B Wells

Cllrs N Mitchell and D Staples – Newark & Sherwood District Council

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk, Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Ford due to work and Cllrs E Bentley and J Spry for personal reasons.

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None.

DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

18/18 The **Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Full Council** held on **Wednesday 24th January 2018** having previously been circulated, were not signed to allow for an addition to be made.

Resolved: That these minutes be amended and presented at the next meeting

18/19 **To receive information from the Clerk following actions agreed at the last meeting**

Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, the Clerk reported to members that a National Allotment Society leaflet had been circulated to all tenants several times. A Code of Practice for bonfires had been drawn up and times when bonfires are allowed are on the tenancy agreement.

The Clerk reported that she had visited the allotment site yesterday following a telephone call from a member of the public reporting smoke from a fire. On investigation a log burner inside a shed was found to be the cause of the small amount of smoke. It was well set up and insulated to prevent fire.

Following discussion it was agreed by Nem-Con decision that the Council are happy to allow log burners on the allotment site provided they are installed and used safely.

18/20

To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

- a) Discussions with any District or County Councillors in attendance on matters of common interest

Cllr D Staples (NSDC) reported that the budget was to be decided on Thursday and that the District Council were looking at an increase of 2% on Council Tax. The District Council are in a sound financial situation though a huge expense has been incurred on the Newark side of the District with minimal spend on the West side. Cllr Staples is to propose that health provision is looked into and ask for significant effort and funding for this issue. The area of Newark and Sherwood is the 2nd worst area in the country for unemployment.

Cllr Staples reported that the matter of the swimming pool had been deferred in order for 2 other areas to be looked at: i) the Neighbourhood Study and ii) the One Public Estates study for the Courtaulds site.

Cllr N Mitchell (NSDC) reported on an issue that had been raised during the snowy conditions. A private ambulance had been unable to safely take a member of the public from her property (owned by Newark & Sherwood Homes) to the waiting vehicle due to the condition of the pathways. There is currently no policy for dealing with such adverse weather conditions.

The Clerk reported that she had directed Cllr Mitchell to have contact with a senior officer of NASH to discuss this issue further.

The area will be checked to see if the grit bins are still in situ and full.

The Clerk informed members that she had been invited to a meeting at Castle House (NSDC) to go through the neighbourhood study and clarify areas under the Town Council responsibility.

Cllr M Pringle (NCC) gave a report regarding the County Council budget and an increase to the precept of 4.9% had been agreed. He reported that funds had been released from capital funds to assist with a continuing deficit.

The County Council had made provision for a fund to repair pot holes but this had been taken from other areas such as social care.

- b) To allow any questions from members of the Junior Town Council

No members of the Junior Town Council in attendance.

Cllr Cumberlidge reported that a very productive meeting had been held. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Junior Clerk of the Junior Town Council had been elected. The introduction of a Junior Town Council was already creating relationships with the community.

The Junior Town Council had raised a few issues and priorities within the Town for further discussion:

1. Dog mess and litter
2. Safety outside schools
3. Anti-social behaviour

The Clerk reported that she had been invited by the members of the Junior Town Council to attend the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at Forest View Academy.

c) Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

None.

18/21 To resume Standing Orders

18/22 To receive any resolutions to Council.

None.

18/23 To receive any Questions to Council from Members.

None.

18/24 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

The Clerk tabled an amended Schedule of Account, which was duly approved and signed.

18/25 Special Projects:

1. To receive any relevant updates regarding the following:

- i. The former Courtaulds Site
The Clerk reported that NSDC would like to report on the feasibility study for the former Courtaulds site at a meeting on 14th March 2018 at 4.30pm. The Chair of Special Projects had instructed the Clerk to bring the next Special Projects meeting forward by one week for accommodate this request.

The Clerk read an email received from a Senior NSDC Officer who would like to meet with members of the Town Council. Following discussion the Chair encouraged all members to attend the meeting and it was agreed by Nem-Con decision that Cllr R Shilling would chair this meeting.

- ii. The Forest Road Car Park
The Clerk reported that she had a meeting with the representative from the Architects to provide supporting information. NSDC had requested that the Architects prepare their invoice so it can be paid by the end of the financial year.
- iii. The proposed Colliery Memorial
Cllr M Pringle informed members that a meeting had been held this week and the Chair and Vice Chair had been elected for 2017/2018. The

groundworks and steelworks would be completed by the end of March. A photograph of all members of the Working Party was to be used for fundraising purposes and also be printed in the local community newspaper to inform members of the community how the project is progressing.

18/26

Local Policing

To receive the following information:

- i. A written response from, Inspector Louise Clark regarding PSPO's

The Clerk informed members that the PSPO's are dealt with by NSDC and are harder to obtain than the previous DPPO had been.

Cllr C Ward proposed that a meeting be held with the Inspector and the Sergeant to enable further discussion regarding this issue.

Following discussion it was agreed by Nem-Con decision and

Resolved: that the Clerk arrange a stand-alone meeting with NSDC Officers, the Police Inspector and Sergeant and also extend the invitation to the Crime and Police Commissioner

- ii. To agree a date for a meeting with Sergeant Christian Hurley

Discussed at 18.26.i above.

18/27

To receive any updates regarding the Public Toilets

The Clerk reported that an act of vandalism had occurred to the doors to the public toilets. No vandalism had been caused inside. The Police had viewed the CCTV footage and were aware of the persons involved.

The Clerk reported that with regards to the car parking issues which were causing a danger to members of the public, a suggestion had been made to install removable bollards on the edge of the walkway. The Clerk had been in contact with the owner and was awaiting his response.

18/28

To receive any updates relating to the Dukeries swimming pool

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

18/29

To receive any updates relating to the Sherwood Forest Education Partnership (SFEP)

The Clerk reminded members of the meeting being held next Friday, 10.00am at Lifespring Centre and outlined projects that are currently being undertaken by the SFEP.

18/30

Outside Bodies:

1. To receive a verbal report from Cllr R Shilling regarding Age Concern Friendship Club

Cllr Shilling deferred his report until the next meeting.

2. To receive a verbal report from Cllr T Spratley regarding FUBB

Cllr Spratley presented a very informative report supported by photographs on the current and future plans for the Brake. The Brake was extremely well used by members of the public and the Forestry Commission were working hard to maintain the area.

3. To agree the nominated outside body report for the meeting to be held on 18th April 2018

Cllr R Shilling – Age Concern

18/31 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following minutes were noted:

1. Finance & Audit Committee – 17th January 2018 and 21st February 2018
An amendment was made to the minutes of 17th January 2018 – Cllr D Cumberlidge was attending Councillor Training and not absent for personal reasons.
2. Planning Committee – 30th January 2018 & 27th February 2018
3. Special Projects Committee – 7th February 2018

18/32 Events: To receive a brief update from the Chairman

Nothing to report

18/33 Correspondence: None.

18/34 Publications:

The following publications were noted:

1. Local Councils Update – January/February 2018 issue
2. Allotment & Leisure Gardener – Issue 1 2018
3. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2018 Issue
4. Sherwood & Newark Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report and Financial Statements 2016/2017

18/35 Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th April 2018 – 7.30pm