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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs R King (Town Mayor), L Brazier, D Shelton, J Munroe, M Pringle, L Shilling, M Staley, B Wells, S Willis

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Cllr T Wildgust – NSDC and one member of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R Allwood, D Batey, R Shilling for personal reasons, P Beedle, D Cumberlidge due to work

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted.

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

23/16 To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 25th January 2023

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

23/17 To receive any information from the Clerk following actions agreed at the last meeting (*not already covered on the agenda*)

The Clerk reported the bench in memory of David Jones has now been replaced at the expense of the Town Council. The Ex and Retired Miners and NUM have replaced the old plaque with a new one.

Cllr L Brazier informed members that there would be a small gathering at 10.00am on the 4th March to commemorate the new bench.

Rev Richard Hanford would be carrying out a blessing of the bench.

23/18 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

Standing Orders were suspended.

None received.

Signed:

Dated:

23/19 To resume Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed.

23/20 To formally receive any proposals discussed whilst Standing Orders were suspended

None received.

23/21 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

None received.

23/22 To receive any written reports from District and County Councillors

None received.

23/23 Junior Town Council

1. To receive a verbal report on recent events and ongoing activities

The Clerk reported that the JTC had not met since the previous Full Council meeting.

Cllr R King had been invited by the JTC to attend the opening of the new Library at Parkgate Academy on 2nd March.

23/24 Finance & Audit

1. To receive and approve the schedule(s) of accounts for payment

The Clerk tabled an amended schedule of accounts, which was duly approved and signed.

Members were reminded that invoices were available for inspection at this meeting.

2. To consider a Grant Funding Request from Ollerton & Boughton Age Concern Friendship Group

Following a brief discussion, it was:

Resolved: that the sum of £1,000.00 be granted. The Clerk offered to give the group details of other funding available elsewhere.

23/25 Special Projects

To receive any relevant updates and agree future actions regarding the following:

1. Town Centre Regeneration – Levelling up Fund and High Street Task Force

The Clerk informed members that she would be taking part in a 1-2-1 Teams meeting with Wilmott Dixon prior to the Teams meeting on Monday with other interested parties. Cllr D Shelton and the Deputy Clerk

Signed:

Dated:

are to attend.

Laser surveys of the relevant areas of land had taken place.

The High Street Task Force should be reported on at the Teams meeting tomorrow.

The Clerk reported that there had been no further interest or movement regarding the Confidential item at the previous Full Council meeting.

Cllr M Pringle proposed that a formal letter be sent to register the Town Council's disappointment on the amount of money being given to this District.

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to send a letter expressing the Town Council's disappointment

2. Cemetery Extension

Nothing further to report.

3. Play Areas

The Clerk reported that Central Park was closed again due to wear and tear on the skatepark.

The Deputy Clerk is chasing the developer for an update on the outstanding works required to be carried out.

Cllr Pringle requested that, as a Council, members get together to carry out a clean up operation at various areas around the Town.

4. To consider a tree survey of all trees on Town Council owned land

The Clerk recommended to members that a tree survey be carried out on all pockets of land owned by the Town Council. The Cemetery has been surveyed previously.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain costings and report back at a future meeting.

Cllr Pringle informed members that the conifers at the assisted living site on Walesby Lane were now in our remit. The Town Clerk is to look into this further.

The Clerk to arrange meetings for the following committees:

- Green Open Space
- Town Hall Management
- Events

Signed:

Dated:

23/26

Events

1. To discuss suggestions on the commemoration of the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III
Town Council to support community street parties – bunting, flags, paper tableware etc.

The Clerk will contact Jill Musson for any available activity sessions on Yew Tree Jubilee field.

Item to be taken to the Events Working Party meeting for further discussion.

23/27

Outside Bodies

1. To receive a report from Cllr M Staley regarding Boughton Village Hall

Cllr Staley reported that Boughton Village Hall was only just ticking over having not recovered from the pandemic. Only the basics have been maintained with the building, which also has issues with damp plasterwork.

Usage of the hall is minimal.

There is a possibility that both the Rugby and Football clubs would become combined at the Walesby Lane ground. This would not cause a huge financial issue but would mean that the field would be mothballed.

The Clerk confirmed that the Boughton Markhams Charity monies were to be split between the Dukeries Young People's Centre and Boughton Village Hall.

The Clerk was instructed to send a letter along with the share of the funds to each party.

2. To receive a report on Age Concern Friendship Group

Item to be deferred to a future meeting.

3. To note the date of the Crematorium visit

Visit arranged for 22nd March at 5.30pm.

Members of the Crematorium Liaison Committee: Cllrs R King, L Shilling, B Wells and the Town Clerk.

4. To agree the reports for the next meeting

- Cllr R Shilling – to provide a report on Age Concern Friendship Group
- Cllrs L Shilling and B Wells – to provide a report on the Crematorium Liaison Committee

Signed:

Dated:

23/28 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following minutes were noted:

1. Junior Town Council – 24th January 2023

23/29 Correspondence

Noted.

23/30 To note that Parish & Town Council elections will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023

Noted.

23/31 To note the date and time of the next meeting.

Wednesday, 5th April 2023 at 7pm

(For information – Annual Town meeting – 6pm, Wednesday 19th April)

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed:

Dated: