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

PRESENT: Cllrs L Brazier (Chair), D Batey, P Beedle, A Brazier, R Fazil, J Halligan, G Lake, J Munroe, D Shelton, L Shilling, R Shilling, M Staley and S Willis

Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk) Mrs J Fletcher (Deputy Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs M Pringle, B Wells for personal reasons

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

23/126 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 20th September 2023

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

23/127 To receive any information from the Clerk following actions agreed at the last meeting (*not already covered on the agenda*)

The Clerk reported that no further quotations had been received for works to the Town Hall.

23/128 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

No members of public in attendance therefore Standing Orders were not suspended

23/129 To resume Standing Orders

Not Applicable

23/130 To formally receive any proposals discussed whilst Standing Orders were suspended

Not Applicable

23/131 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

Cllr Willis reported that there was a hole outside of the Courtaulds site on Rufford Avenue and questioned if it had been reported. The Clerk confirmed that this issue had been reported to the relevant body.

23/132 To receive any written reports from District and County Councillors

None.

23/133 Junior Town Council

1. To receive a verbal report from Cllr Halligan

Cllr Halligan reported that the JTCncl meeting had gone very well. An election had taken place for their officers, just as at the Town Council meeting.

Following a Bikeability course within several schools, the JTCllr were looking into cycle helmet provision. The Town Clerk would contact NSDC to see if there was any provision for funding for this important equipment.

Cllr Halligan informed members that he would have to step down from his role as representative on this committee due to work commitments.

2. To appoint a representative from OBTC to the Junior Town Council

The Clerk informed members that the JTCncl meetings generally take place on the last Tuesday of each half term from 1.15pm in the Function Room at the Town Hall.

Following discussion it was proposed and approved that Cllr J Munroe become the representative on the JTCncl.

23/134 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

An amended Schedule of Accounts for Payment was tabled, duly approved and signed.

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

23/135 Special Projects

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

1. Town Centre Regeneration – Levelling up Fund & High St Task Force

Following discussion by members it was

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Michael Gove expressing the Town Councils disappointment regarding the lack of funding for this project.

The letter is to be signed by Cllr L Brazier as Chair of the Town Council.

The Clerk confirmed that there were no further updates and that a meeting was due to take place on 2nd November 2023.

2. To note the date of Extraordinary Meeting to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 29th November 2023 – ALL COUNCILLORS

Cllr R Shilling informed members that all members would be updated at this meeting. The Council need to be fully briefed.

7.17pm Cllr M Staley joined the meeting at this point.

It needs to be minuted at a public meeting that all Cllrs give their full support for this project. There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions of the NSDC officers.

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Environment Committee

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

1. Cemetery Extension

The Clerk reported that she had finally received the details of the Church and Poor Lands Solicitors, who are now in contact with the Solicitors for the Town Council.

The hedge surrounding the outskirts of the land either side of the Miner's statue is the responsibility of NCC Highways Department and Tesco.

The Clerk requested Council support to instruct the Amenity Team to cut it back as there is still funding available for maintenance works.

Proposed:	Cllr A Brazier	Seconded:	Cllr M Staley
Decision:	Unanimous		

2. Tree Works – To note ongoing works

The Clerk reported that detailed works contained in the surveyors report presented at the last Full Council meeting would start this week, primarily the War Memorial Gardens, Central Park, and Yew Tree Jubilee Field.

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Events

To receive updates on:

1. Remembrance Day Parade – 12th November 2023

The Clerk reported that everything pertaining to the Parade was now sorted.

Cllr Munroe, in his role as Town Council representative on the Ollerton RBL Committee, expressed his disappointment that the Newark & Sherwood Concert Band would not be leading the parade this year.

The Deputy Clerk (Secretary to the Ollerton RBL) briefly updated members on the reason behind this not happening this year. The band will however be playing before, during and after the service in the Memorial Gardens.

It was confirmed that the Drum Corps would be leading the parade.

2. Christmas Lights Switch On – 24th November 2023

Cllr L Brazier informed members that there would not be a large fairground this year. Small rides will be provided and other new activities are being brought to the event. Local musicians have been asked to perform before and after the switch-on.

A local company is supplying lighting for the car park and the Events WP are looking into hiring staging.

£2,000 funding has been secured for the event, but not for festive lighting, from NSDC. Live and Local have also committed to provide funding for Ollerton and Edwinstowe this year.

Works to the feeder posts on Forest Road has started.

Cllr L Brazier, in his position as Chair of the Council, has written to all local businesses to encourage them to become part of the Visitor Economy.

There will be a number of Community Projects instigated by the Town Council Officers and some local business that will provide the incentive for people to visit their local shops.

3. D Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk contact a local business with regards to a beacon, possibly on top of a crane jib.

4. To review membership of the Event WP

The Clerk informed members that there are spaces on the Events WP for additional members,

Following discussion it was proposed and seconded that Cllrs Batey, R Fazil, G Lake and S Willis be added to the Events WP committee. With Cllr L Brazier being an ex-officio member.

Proposed:	Cllr J Halligan	Seconded:	Cllr A Brazier
Decision:	Unanimous		

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Outside Bodies

1. To receive a report from Cllr M Pringle regarding the SFEP (Sherwood Forest Education Partnership)

In Cllr Pringle's absence, Cllr L Brazier updated members on the various successful events that the SFEP has brought to the community:

Junior Town Council
Saturday Code Club
Thursday Night Club at Walesby – free activities
Gane on Girls – 5-11 football

There has been a new Youth Worker appointed at the Dukeries Youth Centre.

Cllr Batey suggested that the Clerk broadcast these successes in the Local Council Direct magazine and other relevant media.

2. To receive a report from Cllr D Shelton regarding ROB (Recycling Ollerton & Boughton)

Cllr Shelton reported that he had attended the ROB AGM on 27th September and gave a very informative report and said he had been very well received. Students lives are being transformed and online training is provided for all members of staff.

Cllr L Brazier stated that this is vital business for our community.

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

The following minutes were noted and acknowledged

1. Planning Committee – 26th September
2. Junior Town Council – 3rd October 2023
3. Events Working Party – 9th October and 23rd October 2023
4. Finance & Audit – 11th October 2023

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Correspondence – None

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To note the date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 13th December 2023 – 7pm