

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held at The Bowman Centre
on 7th March 2023 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Kuczera (Mayor), Cllr M Devendran (D Mayor), Cllr R Yuill, , Cllr R Crook, Cllr S Hedge, Cllr T Edwards, Cllr J Swindlehurst, Cllr J Jaconiah, Cllr E Taylor, Cllr A Buchanan, Cllr M Verbinnen

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk) Mrs K Passmore (Admin/Comms Officer)

VISITING PUBLIC: 11

POLICE: 1

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	<p>Public Questions No questions</p>	
1.	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr I Mitchell (attending a charity event in London).</p>	
2.	<p>To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting dated 7th February 2023. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	Clerk
3.	<p>To receive declarations of interest from members Cllr M Verbinnen declared an interest in Item 12.</p>	
4.	<p>Mayor's Remarks The Mayor reported on opening the One Stop shop on Butterfield Drive.</p>	
5.	<p>Clerk's Update (to deal with any business from the last meeting) The Clerk reported that Don Neate has finished working at Bonnymead Park. His services over the years are very much appreciated and a special 'thank you' is being arranged. The Country Park consultation is ongoing and ends on 31st March. A quotation for non-slip flooring at the Central Car Park toilet has been received. Councillors agreed to accept the quote. The electric Van has now been delivered, for use by the Maintenance Team.</p>	Clerk
6.	<p>Councillors' Questions and Statements</p>	
6.1.	Cllr Verbinnen mentioned to damage to the skate park to the Glenn Collier memorial.	
6.2.	Cllr Jaconiah highlighted his concerns in relation to the Country Park Consultation and questioned how the results would be measured.	
6.3.	Cllr Taylor reported that a name has been mentioned on social media regarding the damage at the skate park.	
6.4.	Cllr Hedge discussed a phone call he received from a fellow Amesbury Councillor accusing him of going to the press about Cllrs. He confirmed he has not contacted any news provider and this type of harassment needs to stop.	RY

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6.5.	Cllr Yuill reported that the meeting with Bloor Homes about Byway 20 was re-scheduled for next week	
6.6.	Cllr Yuill discussed concerns from residents on Dunford Close about footballs hitting cars and causing damage.	
6.7	Cllr Yuill reported due to delays in grant awards, Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team has to delay activities at Lords Walk to later in the year.	
6.8.	Cllr Edwards supported Cllr Hedge's statement and said how all new Councillors should undertake training on how a Town Council operate. Cllr Edwards thanked the maintenance team and Pennypot Cleaning for erecting the fence on Stockport Avenue near the Disc Golf course.	
6.9.	Cllr Edwards reported issues with Byway 20. The tarmac area is prone to flooding and gets very slippery and icy.	
6.10.	Cllr Swindlehurst discussed the pressure that the pharmacies in Amesbury are under due to the increase in the number of residents and asked Wiltshire Councillors to request that the Local Authority contacts Tesco to see if the London Road store would consider having a pharmacy.	
6.11.	Cllr Devendran thanked all residents for attending the coffee morning on 3 rd March.	
6.1.	Cllr Devendran reported on 2 future events: a Councillor surgery on 21 st March for Amesbury West Ward, 2pm-4pm at Antrobus House and a Health & Wellbeing event on 10 th May at 10am at Antrobus House.	
7.	<p>To receive the Police Report The report was received and noted.</p> <p>Cllr Strange joined the meeting</p>	
8.	<p>To receive a presentation by Wessex Rivers Trust on work at Lords Walk Wessex Rivers Trust presented their planning ideas for Lords Walk, to improve the Chalk Stream, helping the unique habitat and improving the quality of water and fish passage, creating 150m of new channel. They plan to submit a planning application in the coming weeks and the project, if approved, will be delivered in the Autumn. This will necessitate the closure of Lords Walk a few weeks whilst the project is completed.</p>	
9.	<p>Payment of accounts: to note the list of accounts for payment February 2023 Income: £753,460 Expenditure: £590,567</p>	
10.	<p>To receive the Quarterly Finance Report Report received and noted.</p>	
11.	<p>Planning Matters Following recommendations by the planning committee it was resolved to support the following applications: PL/2023/00440 Householder planning permission. Bike Store with Carport to Front of Property 44 KITCHENER ROAD PL/2023/01041 Householder planning permission. Two storey side extension with single storey enclosed porch 8 CONISTON CLOSE</p>	

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	<p>PL/2023/01149 Householder planning permission. Demolish existing garage. Erect single storey rear extension, new double garage with accommodation above and loft conversion. Erect single storey bootroom and entrance hall. 104 COUNTESS ROAD</p> <p>PL/2023/00964 Full Planning Permission. Installation of external wall insulation to improve the thermal performance of Service Family Accommodation 1-8 Romsey Road, 1-10 Ashley Walk, 1-16 Winchester Close, Boscombe Down</p> <p>Following recommendations by the planning committee it was resolved to object to the following application:</p> <p>PL/2023/01289 Full Planning Permission. Proposed erection of a 2 bedroom house. 69 ANTROBUS ROAD</p> <p>Following recommendations by the planning committee it was resolved to submit 'no comment' to the following application:</p> <p>PL/2023/01274 Householder Planning Permission. Retrospective Fence – within the border of property, to the side/rear of the house 15 BUGDENS CLOSE</p>	
12.	<p>To receive a report from the History Centre Committee The History Centre Committee confirmed the hope that the Centre lease could be agreed in time for Easter.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>To receive a report from the Amenities Committee The Amenities Committee Chair discussed queries about the pavilion storage and workshop planning application. The roof material is to match the pavilion roof and a noise management plan needs to be submitted. The workshop is to be moved to the other side near of the building. The car parking issues in the Central Car park have been resolved.</p>	
14.	<p>To receive a report from the Projects Committee Cllr Edwards reported on discussions about the options for new equipment at Bonnymead Park. Quotes are being obtained for composite toilets to be installed next to Stockport Allotments/Youth area. In relation to the Country park consultation, a matrix is to be created to sort the data.</p>	Clerk
15.	<p>To agree to use Troy Planning & Design to produce the town's Neighbourhood Plan Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Buchanan Resolved: Agree and to move forward with Troy Planning & Design</p>	Clerk

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16.	<p>Report from external meetings None</p>	
17.	<p>LHFIG: The Mayor confirmed there have been no updates as no meetings have taken place since the last Town Council meeting.</p>	
18.	<p>Reports from sub-committees: King's Coronation Cllr Swindlehurst reported on the meeting held on 23rd February. The Chamber of Trade are putting on an event on 7th May. The Committee is working towards events, scheduled for 6th and 8th May at the Bowman Centre and Bonnymead Park to potentially include live streaming of the Coronation, stalls , picnic in the park with entertainment and bar.</p>	
19.	<p>Policy Group decisions made on behalf of the Town Council Cleaning Contract – Public lavatories The Mayor confirmed that Pennypot Cleaning received a new contract from 1st March 2023 to 28th Feb 2024 for toilet cleaning in the Central Car Park.</p>	Clerk
20.	<p>To agree to an addition to Standing Orders reference the procedure for the election of Mayor/Deputy Mayor Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Crook Resolved: Amendments to be made to standing orders as presented The Mayor and Cllr Verbinnen left the meeting</p>	
21.	<p>To receive a request to support a car park closure for the King's Coronation Proposed: Cllr Swindlehurst Seconded: Cllr Jaconiah Resolved: to assist the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade by paying for the closure of the main car park under the General Power of Competence The Mayor and Cllr Verbinnen returned to the meeting Cllr Buchanan left the meeting</p>	Clerk
22.	<p>To receive a report from North 85 on trading at Bonnymead and to consider future operation of food outlets at the park A meeting is to be held with North 85. A report to be given at the next meeting. Cllr Buchanan re-joined the meeting</p>	Clerk

23.	<p>To receive requests from the Buzz Action Foundation: Town Council representatives with responsibility for youth provision To facilitate progress of the Stockport Avenue youth area Re-introduction of the Festival of Youth (2024)</p> <p>The Buzz Action Foundation presented the possibility of a youth committee in Amesbury and invited two councillors to sit on the committee. The Mayor confirmed that the Stockport Avenue Youth Area was ready for use. Buzz Action would like to re-introduce the Festival of Youth and asked for the Town Council's support with this in 2024.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>Clerk</p>
24.	<p>Wiltshire Towns Programme: To agree to collaborative working with the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Swindlehurst Seconded: Cllr Buchanan Resolved: To agree to collaborative working with the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade Resolved: to agree to the terms of the Wiltshire Towns Grant Agreement</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
25.	<p>Date of next meeting: 7.15pm Tuesday 4th April 2023 at The Bowman Centre</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.56pm</p>	