

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held at The Bowman Centre
on 1st November 2022 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Kuczera (Mayor), Cllr M Devendran (D Mayor), Cllr M Verbinnen, Cllr R Yuill, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr A Buchanan, Cllr M Strange, Cllr R Crook, Cllr S Hedge, Cllr T Edwards, Cllr Swindlehurst

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

VISITING PUBLIC: 13

POLICE: 0

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	<p>Public Question Time</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the fireworks event that was planned for the weekend and councillors were asked how much the event was costing. The Mayor responded that a budget of £3000 budget had been allocated. Designated public areas would be available. Toilets would be marked on the site plan. Leaflets had been distributed in the local area. The Mayor confirmed that the event will be managed properly.</p> <p>A resident raised a question about the Carnival 2023 being held at the Country park.</p> <p>A proposal has been put forward by the Carnival Committee hold the carnival at the Country Park. This would be a scaled down event, much like the Super Fete.</p> <p>The Mayor responded to confirm that a public consultation will take place.</p> <p>The Town Council was thanked for experimentally streaming the meeting and hoped that it is a success.</p> <p>A question was put forward regarding the storage units at the Pavilion. The Mayor confirmed that plans had been received from the architect and will be considered at the amenities committee meeting.</p> <p>Councillors were asked who is responsible for the future of the history centre and what is the progress.</p> <p>The Mayor responded that the History Centre committee was dealing with this and would be meeting shortly to deal with outstanding issues with the lease. Amesbury History Centre CIO Trust will be running the centre going forward.</p>	
1.	<p>To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr J Jaconiah (working), Cllr E Taylor (holiday), Cllr A Williams (personal), Cllr A Brindley (working).</p>	
2.	<p>To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting dated 4th October 2022.</p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed as a true record</p>	
3.	<p>To receive declarations of interest from members</p> <p>The Mayor declared an interest in item 9</p> <p>Cllr Verbinnen declared an interest in item 9 and item 10(1)</p>	

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4.	<p>Cllr Brannon declared an interest in item 9</p> <p>Mayor's Remarks The Mayor reported on visits to the Town Council office where he was able to help with wi-fi issues. He has also attended a Nepalese festival at Antrobus Hotel.</p>	
5.	<p>Clerk's Update (to deal with any business from the last meeting) The Clerk reported that repairs to Great Amber Way play area have been delayed due to late delivery of wetpour surfacing. Land designated for a community garden adjacent to Evergreen Court has now been transferred to the Town Council. There are two new members of staff in the Town Council office: Krista Passmore, the Admin/Comms Officer and Jennifer Taylor, the Bookings and Events Officer.</p>	
6.	<p>Councillors' Questions and Statements</p>	
6.1.	<p>Cllr Edwards asked about the cutting of the Country Park, due late October/ early November. He also noted that Byway 20 was unusable for school foot traffic due to flooding issues and asked that Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way team be contacted.</p>	Clerk
6.2.	<p>Cllr Hedge asked if letters had been delivered about the firework display. The Mayor is to confirm. Cllr Hedge discussed the possibility of using Bonnymead Park for future events. The Mayor responded that councillors would need to look into this further.</p>	
6.3.	<p>Cllr Strange reported on a visit from the Bobby Van. She proposed to Cllr Devendran that she may want to consider this for the next well-being meeting. Cllr Devendran confirmed that this may be of interest.</p>	MD
6.4.	<p>Cllr Yuill asked for an update on the town centre toilet doors. The Mayor confirmed that there was an issue with the order and that it would be dealt with as quickly as possible.</p>	
6.5.	<p>Cllr Verbinnen reported that he had attended a presentation regarding South Wiltshire police stations. A new police hub was being considered at the High Post, serving Amesbury & Salisbury. Touch down sites are planned to ensure that members of the public can meet officers face to face.</p>	
6.6.	<p>The Deputy Mayor reported on two wellbeing events: A Coffee morning on 11 November at the Holiday Inn and a Christmas Concert at Antrobus House on 20 December, 11am - 1pm. Both are free events, but seats will need to be booked in advance.</p>	
7.	<p>To receive the Police Report No report received.</p>	

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8.	<p>Payment of accounts: to note the list of accounts for payment October 2022 Income: £724,519 Expenditure: £358,380</p> <p>The Mayor, Cllr Verbinnen and Cllr Brannon declared an interest and left the meeting. The Deputy Mayor took the chair.</p>	
9.	<p>To receive a premises licence application for Central Amesbury Car Park (Christmas Fair) Proposed: Cllr Swindlehurst Seconded: Cllr Buchanan Resolved: to return no objection to the premises licence application.</p> <p>The Mayor, Cllr Verbinnen and Cllr Brannon returned to the meeting.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Planning Matters PL/2022/07426: Wiltshire Council R3 New fencing and gates to replace existing fencing and gates to side boundary. Holders Road Playing Field, Holders Road The Deputy Mayor advised councillors that Holders Field was the Stonehenge School's playing field. The field had been not fit for use, but funding was now available to replace sections of fencing to make the area secure for the pupils. Proposed: Cllr Devendran Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: to support the planning application</p> <p>Following recommendations by the planning committee it was resolved to support the following applications.:</p> <p>PL/2022/07285 Consent to display an advertisement: Proposed fascia signs, hanging sign, wall mounted signs and car parking signs. The George Hotel, High Street</p> <p>PL/2022/07286 Listed Building Consent (Alt/Ext): Proposed fascia signs, hanging sign, wall mounted signs and car parking signs. The George Hotel, High Street</p> <p>PL/2022/08125 Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Willow - Repollard 50%. The Old Dairy, West Amesbury SP4 7BH</p> <p>PL/2022/06697: amended plan: Proposed deck to east elevation, 10 Virginia Close, Amesbury</p> <p>PL/2022/07189: Full planning permission. Erection of proposed 3 bed dwelling with associated parking. 35 Holders Road</p>	Clerk

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	<p>PL/2022/07781: Householder planning permission. Proposed En-suite Single Storey End Extension.1 Heyford Close</p> <p>PL/2022/07634: Householder planning permission Demolish existing conservatory and construct larger single storey flat roof extension with roof lantern; convert part of garage to bedroom and reconfigure internal layout including various alterations to ground floor doors and windows. Lindisfarne, Ratfyn Road.</p>	
11.1.	<p>History Centre Update: To nominate a councillor to represent the Town Council at AHC meetings Cllr Edwards volunteered to represent the Town Council. Proposed: Cllr Verbinnen Seconded: Cllr Hedge Resolved: that Cllr Edwards represent the Town Council at AHC meetings.</p>	Clerk
11.2.	<p>To receive an update on the History Centre build The Fire Plan is currently being created and once passed by Building Control, the History Centre will be handed over to the Town Council.</p>	
12.	<p>To receive a report on progress to date on the Wilshire Towns Programme. No update available.</p>	
13.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Update There is to be a presentation by Troy Consultancy, date to be announced.</p>	
14.	<p>To confirm the position regarding a possible Service Devolution and Asset Transfer from Wiltshire Council Councillors established that their interest met the minimum level and all Councillors are happy that this is still the case.</p> <p>The Mayor declared an interest and left the room. The Deputy Mayor took the chair.</p>	Clerk
15.	<p>To receive a request from the Carnival Committee to use the Country Park for the Carnival 2023 The Mayor reported that a full public consultation would be needed. A member of the Carnival Committee commented that they could not hold a community event if the community was not happy. Proposed: Cllr Buchannen Seconded: Cllr Brannon Resolved: to undertake a public consultation</p> <p>The Mayor returned to the meeting.</p>	Clerk

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16.	<p>To resolve to support a proposal for the installation of bollards on Church Street and to agree the three priorities to be submitted to LHFIG</p> <p>Cllr Crook recommended that the bollards should be removable, to enable passage by large farm vehicles.</p> <p>Cllr Devendran reported that the cost would be approximately £1,500 with 25% Town Council contribution.</p> <p>The applicant volunteered to pay towards the costs.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Verbinnen Seconded: Cllr Edwards Resolved: to support the proposal for the installation of Manchester bollards on Church Street</p>	Clerk
17.	<p>To return an assessment of Porton Road speed limit</p> <p>Cllr Verbinnen noted that a full assessment will be carried out. He hoped that this would lead to a speed limit reduction to 30mph.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Verbinnen Seconded: Cllr Devendran Resolved: to support the assessment</p>	Clerk
18.	<p>To agree to advice on areas suitable for planting new trees following the Town Council's policy of planting two trees for every one that is felled</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Verbinnen Seconded: Cllr Brannon Resolved: to agree to the advice given by Bawdens for the planting of new trees</p>	Clerk
19.	<p>To return a response to the proposed traffic regulation order consultation in relation to parking/waiting restrictions in Amesbury</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Verbinnen Seconded: Cllr Edwards Resolved: to support the proposed traffic regulation</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 7.15pm Tuesday 6th December at The Bowman Centre</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:50pm</p>	Clerk