

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Vivis (Town Mayor)
Councillors C Morgan (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs J Cook
Councillor M Flys
Councillor R Jones
Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Councillor H Newton
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor Mrs L Staite
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E. Richardson
Mr S Catanach

83. APOLOGIES:
Councillor Ms C Jones
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor M Phillips
Councillor A Seymour

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were no declarations of interest.

85. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS: The engagements from 5 September to 13 November 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted with two amended dates.

86. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

It was Proposed Councillor M Flys
Councillor D Kenchington

RESOLVED to
Approve the Amended Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 September 2016.

87. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

88. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

i) Planning & Footpaths Minutes 19th September 2016

It was Proposed Councillor M Vivis
Seconded Councillor Mrs D Kenchington

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 19th September.

ii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 10th October 2016

It was Proposed Councillor M Vivis
Seconded Councillor Mrs J Cook

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 10th October 2016.

iii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 31st October 2016

It was Proposed Councillor H Newton
Seconded Councillor M Vivis

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 31st October 2016.

iv) Community Services Minutes – 17th October 2016

It was Proposed Councillor M Vivis
Seconded Councillor M Flys

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meetings held on 17th October 2016.

v) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 7th November 2016

It was Proposed Councillor M Flys
Seconded Councillor M Vivis

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7th November 2016.

vi) Grants Sub-Committee – 31st October 2016

It was Proposed Councillor M Vivis
Seconded Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee Meeting held on 31st October 2016.

89. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MEETINGS:**

i) **To discuss recommendation made by Community Services Committee to hold bi-annual Civic Awards Ceremony**

After discussion, it was agreed not to accept the Community Services Committee's recommendation to hold the Civic Awards Ceremony on a bi-annual basis, as it was considered preferable for each Mayor to have the opportunity to give out the awards on an annual basis. However, it was decided to reduce the number of awards to just three, including 'Young Person of the Year', 'Business of the Year' and 'Citizen of the Year'.

ii) **To consider the option to purchase a Movable Vehicle Awareness Device**

This discussion was deferred from the Finance Meeting held on 7th November 2016. Councillors noted that the Town Council had been awarded £1500 from the Bucks CC LAF fund towards purchasing a MVAD, but that ATC would also need to contribute £1500, even though the Town Council itself had not applied for LAF funding directly. There was disagreement between Members on whether to proceed with the purchase, as it was considered that measures to control speeding is an issue for Bucks Highways and the local police rather than being within the remit of the of Town Council. A vote was taken with the majority (9 to 2) voting in favour of the purchase in principle, subject to more information being obtained about additional cost implications relating to maintenance of the equipment, insurance and responsibility for locating the device and downloading data.

90. **TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF REGISTERING HERVINES PARK AS A QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD IN TRUST:**

Councillor Shepherd and Councillor Mrs Cook had suggested that consideration be given to registering Hervines Park as a Field in Trust. Given the possible relaxation of Green Belt status in the district, Members felt that registering the field for Trust status would be the best option to protect the field whilst still allowing possible development for recreational and leisure facilities. After discussion, Councillors were generally in favour of the proposal and the Clerk was asked to investigate the registration procedure, including any legal implications.

The meeting was adjourned in order to receive a report from representatives of Chiltern District Council on the current Chiltern Pools Redevelopment Consultation.

The meeting was reconvened.

91. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

i) **Chiltern Pools Redevelopment Consultation**

It was suggested that the Chiltern Pools Redevelopment Consultation be considered at the Community Services Meeting on 5th December and a Working Group set up to

liaise with the District Council if the project is progressed. The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Walsh and Cllr R Jones all expressed a wish to be included in the Working Group.

ii) Possible District Association for Chiltern Town & Parish Councils

Cllr Walsh reported on a recommendation from Isobel Derby (Chiltern DC Cabinet Leader) for a new District Association to be set up for the Chiltern area as a subsidiary association to feed into the Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils. After discussion, it was agreed that the preferred option would be to become part of the South Bucks Association of Local Councils. The Clerk will relay this view to Isobel Derby.

92. **AMERSHAM CARNIVAL:**

After discussion, it was agreed that letters should be sent to Amersham Round Table and Amersham Action Group stating that whilst the Town Council would be happy to be involved in next year's event if requested, ATC would not be assisting with the organisation.

93. **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

i) Conference to discuss proposals for Unitary Authorities

Councillors were informed about an invitation to attend a conference at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury on Monday 12th December (2pm to 7pm) to discuss the Bucks CC proposals for local government reorganisation. The Clerk will forward details of the conference to all Members.

94. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

Councillors noted that events organised by the British Legion for Remembrance Sunday at the Memorial Gardens in Amersham and at Chesham Bois had both been well received and Councillors thanked the ATC depot staff for giving up their free time to help with the road closure for the Chesham Bois parade.

Part 2

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

95. **ITEM RELATING TO AN ATC PROPERTY:**

96. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC STAFF:**

97. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY:**

98. **UPDATE ON ATC PROPERTY PROJECTS:**

The meeting closed at 9.09pm.

Chairman Date