

# Amersham Town Council

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## AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

### HELD ON MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2017

#### PRESENT:

Councillor M Vivis (Town Mayor)  
Councillors C Morgan (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor M Grimson  
Councillor Ms C Jones  
Councillor R Jones  
Councillor Mrs A Lamont  
Councillor H Newton  
Councillor A Seymour  
Councillor N Shepherd (from 7.42pm)  
Councillor Mrs L Staite  
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E. Richardson  
Mr S Catanach

99. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs J Cook  
Councillor M Flys  
Councillor Mrs D Kenchington  
Councillor M Lacey

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

101. CO-OPTION OF CASUAL VACANCY:  
The Mayor reported that having held meetings with several applicants to fill the casual vacancy, Members were pleased to invite Mr Mark Grimson as the new Councillor for the Amersham Common ward.

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Vivis
	Seconded	Councillor C Morgan

**RESOLVED THAT:**

Mr Mark Grimson be appointed to fill the casual vacancy for the Amersham Common ward for the remainder of the current electoral period.

102. **MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS:** The engagements from 13 November 2016 to 30 January 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

103. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2016**

It was Proposed Councillor R Jones  
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

**RESOLVED to**

Approve the Amended Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2016.

104. **MATTERS ARISING**

It was confirmed that the new Movable Vehicle Activate Sign (MVAS) had been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.

Steve Catanach reported that he was trying to arrange a meeting with Members of the Round Table to discuss the Amersham Carnival.

105. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**i) Planning & Footpaths Minutes 21 November 2016**

It was Proposed Councillor H Newton  
Seconded Councillor C Morgan

**RESOLVED to**

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2016.

**ii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 12th December 2016**

It was Proposed Councillor H Newton  
Seconded Councillor N Shepherd

**RESOLVED to**

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**iii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 23rd January 2017**

It was Proposed Councillor M Vivis  
Seconded Councillor Mrs A Lamont

**RESOLVED to**

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

**iv) Community Services Minutes – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

It was Proposed Councillor A Shepherd  
Seconded Councillor Ms C Jones

**RESOLVED to**

Approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**v) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

It was Proposed Councillor M Vivis  
Seconded Councillor A Shepherd

**RESOLVED to**

Approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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

The Clerk reported on the fee charged by Chiltern District Council for installation and emptying of dog bins. It was agreed not to purchase any more bins at this time.

107. **APPROVAL OF PRECEPT FIGURE FOR 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR:**

Having approved the precept percentage increase for 2017/18 at the Finance Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017, it was

Proposed Councillor M Vivis  
Seconded Councillor A Seymour

**AGREED to**

Submit an application to Chiltern District Council for a precept of £588,267 for 2017/18.

108. **APPROVAL OF 2017/2018 ATC SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

The draft calendar of meetings had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and it was:

Proposed Councillor Mrs L Staite  
Seconded Councillor Ms C Jones

**RESOLVED to:**

Approve the schedule of meetings for the 2017/2018 electoral year.

109. **APPROVAL OF MEMORIAL GARDENS DISPLAY FOR SUMMER 2017:**

The proposed theme for the Memorial Gardens summer display for 2017 was discussed and it was:

Proposed Councillor C Morgan  
Seconded Councillor A Seymour

**AGREED:**

that the theme would be based on the 'Amersham Fair'.

110. **NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF BOARD OF CORPORATION OF AMERSHAM & WYCOMBE COLLEGE:**

Members noted the letter from Amersham & Wycombe College regarding the dissolution of the Corporation and the transfer to Corporation of Aylesbury College. Cllr Ms C Jones reported that she was scheduled to have a meeting with the Acting Principal of the college to discuss the impact of the changes.

111. **APPROVAL OF DANCE BARRES TO BE FITTED AT BARN MEADOW COMMUNITY HALL:**

Members noted the request from a local dance tutor to hire the Barn Meadow Community Hall for dance lessons and her request to install dance barres and a mirror in the hall. After discussion, it was:

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor C Morgan

**AGREED:**

To permit the installation of the barres and mirror, providing the user agrees to all liability and cost associated with the installation and any repairs to the building in the event of any damage being incurred. The standard of the installation will also require the approval of the ATC Facilities Manager. Councillors also acknowledged the efforts made by Tina Coles, Administration Officer, in handling the existing users of the hall in order to accommodate this additional long term booking.

112. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

It was reported that a decision by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding an application for Unitary Authorities in Buckinghamshire is likely to be made in March 2017. The Mayor commented that there had been little point in a submission being made direct from the Town Council, given that there would have been a conflict of interest for the dual-hatted ATC and CDC Members.

113. **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

114. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

**i) Anti-social behaviour at Hervines Park**

Members noted the complaint from the resident of the Hervines Park flat regarding anti-social behaviour outside the pavilion building during the evenings. After discussion, it was agreed that the lights should be kept on in order not to attract vandalism damage and the Clerk would contact the local police about the issue to request patrols in the area.

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.**

115. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC STAFF**

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

118. **UPDATE ON PROPERTY PROJECTS:**

119. **REVISION OF REGISTERS OF INTEREST:**

The Mayor requested that all Members review their Register of Interest forms to ensure that all details are correct and up-to-date. The Clerk will forward forms to Members for them to review.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Chairman ..... Date .....

