

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2017

PRESENT: Councillor M Vivis (Town Mayor)
Councillors C Morgan (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor M Flys
Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor Ms C Jones
Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Councillor A Seymour
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E. Richardson
Mr S Catanach
Mr M Richardson -part meeting
Martin Holt (CDC) – part meeting

121. APOLOGIES: Councillor R Jones
Councillor Mrs J Cook
Councillor N Shepherd

122. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs L Staite

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

124. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS: The engagements from 30 January to 20 March 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

125. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2017

It was Proposed Councillor Mrs Walsh
Councillor Ms C Jones

RESOLVED to
Approve the Amended Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 January 2017.

126. MATTERS ARISING
There were no matters arising.

127. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

i) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 13 February 2017

It was Proposed Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Seconded Councillor M Grimson

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2017.

ii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 6 March 2017

It was Proposed Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Seconded Councillor M Grimson

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 6 March 2017.

iii) Community Services Minutes – 20 February 2017

It was Proposed Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
Seconded Councillor Mrs L Walsh

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meetings held on 20 February 2017.

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

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

129. **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL RISK REGISTER:**

The updated Risk Register was reviewed and approved without comment.

130. **REQUEST FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR TO BE PLACED IN THE MARKET HALL UNDERCROFT:**

Members considered a request from a member of the Amersham Fire Service to position a defibrillator within the undercroft of Market Hall. It was noted that the applicant had already secured third party funding to purchase the machine had been sourced and an agreement reached that monthly checks on the equipment would be undertaken by the Rectory Meadow Surgery. It was also confirmed that the Listed Buildings Officer at Chiltern District Council had consented to the proposal providing the machine was placed on the wall of the ground floor cloakroom, which is not part of the listed building. After discussion

It was Proposed Councillor C Morgan
Seconded Councillor C Jones

AGREED to

Consent to fitting the machine under Market Hall and to carry out the required work to provide an electrical supply at an approximate cost of £250, on the basis that no further costs would be incurred by the Town Council and that on-going checks on the equipment would be undertaken by the Rectory Meadow Surgery.

131. **REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE KING'S CHURCH TO PURCHASE DEFIBRILLATORS FOR HERVINES PARK AND BARN MEADOW:**

After much discussion it was agreed that whilst Members have no objection in principle to defibrillators being placed at Barn Meadow or Hervines, there are no resources at present for ATC to purchase the machines. It was suggested that ATC offer support to the King's Church in seeking third party funding for the machines after which the matter will be reconsidered.

132. **RETROSPECTIVE RESOLUTION FOR SIGNATORIES ON NEW LEASES (AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB AND FLINT BARN COURT OFFICE):**

The Clerk informed Members that a request had been received from our solicitor for Council to formally resolve that the Mayor and Town Clerk act as signatories on the Amersham Bowls Club and the Flint Barn leases. After discussion

It was	Proposed -	Councillor M Flys
	Seconded -	Councillor A Seymour

RESOLVED

That the Mayor and Town Clerk (Finance & Policy) act as signatories on both the Bowls Club and Flint Barn leases.

133. **CESSATION OF CRICKET PITCH PREPARATION AT HERVINES PARK:**

A report from the Facilities Manager had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the cost of cricket pitch preparation at Hervines Park. It was noted that no Amersham teams play at Hervines Park and indeed no outside teams have booked pitches for the coming season. Dr Challoner's School use the pitch for occasional matches but are happy to relocate to Barn Meadow as required. Given the problems with flooding at Hervines Park and the significant cost of pitch preparation,

It was	Proposed -	Councillor Ms C Jones
	Seconded -	Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED

That the Depot Team discontinue cricket pitch preparation at Hervines Park, but that Dr Challoner's School can continue to use the field for practice, with their matches being relocated to Barn Meadow.

134. **RE-SURFACING OF HERVINES PARK DRIVEWAY:**

The Facilities Manager reported on the potholes on the Hervines Park driveway and suggested various ways to repair or re-surface the driveway. Given the high cost of re-surfacing and the Council's current lack of resources

It was	Proposed -	Councillor M Flys
	Seconded -	Councillor Ms C Jones

RESOLVED to

Carry out repairs of the pot-holes using viafix at an approximate cost between £1,000 to £2,000.

135. **REQEUST FROM THE AMERSHAM BAND TO HOST AN EVENING RECEPTION FOR THE BENSHEIM AKG BIG BAND:**

Members were informed that the Bensheim AKG Band will be visiting Amersham, hosted by the Amersham Band over the weekend of 1st/2nd July 2017. ATC had been asked to host a joint band concert on Saturday 1st July in the Memorial Gardens and to host an evening reception later that day. After discussion

It was Proposed - Councillor Mrs L Walsh
Seconded - Councillor A Seymour

AGREED

That ATC should arrange a joint band concert in the gardens on 1st July and offer a venue for an evening reception free of charge, but could not contribute to the hospitality for the evening.

136. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

i) Proposal for District Council's Good Causes Lottery:

After discussion, it was felt that the Town Council could not comment on this proposal as it was a matter for the District Council to decide.

137. **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

138. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

i) Amersham Bowls Club Lease

Members were pleased to learn that the new lease for the Amersham Bowls Club had finally been completed earlier that day.

ii) Meeting with Princes Risborough on Unitary Authorities

A request had been received from Princes Risborough Parish Council to meet ATC Members to discuss possible changes in local government structure. It was agreed that until a decision has been made by the Department of Communities and Local Government, there was little point in entering a discussion with other parishes.

iii) Merger of Amersham College

Councillor Ms C Jones reported on her meeting with a representative of the Amersham & Wycombe College to discuss the merger with Aylesbury College.

iv) New Premises for Amersham Band

Councillor Ms C Jones reported on her discussion with members of the Amersham Band concerning their forthcoming planning application for new premises.

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.

139. **Item relating to the Chilterns Pools.**

140. **Item relating to an ATC property.**

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142. **Item relating to ATC staff.**

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145. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

i) **Item relating to ATC Staff.**

ii) **Item relating to ATC Staff**

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Chairman Date