

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 24 JULY 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors C Morgan (Town Mayor) – from 7.37pm
Councillor Mrs J Cook
Councillor M Flys
Councillor R Jones
Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor H Newton
Councillor A Seymour
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor M Vivis
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E. Richardson
Mr S Catanach
Cllr M Stannard (Deputy Leader CDC) - part meeting
Martin Holt (CDC) – part meeting
Two residents of School Lane Amersham -open session

35. ELECTION OF CHAIR:

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

It was

Proposed Councillor M Flys
Seconded Councillor Mrs J Cook

RESOLVED that

Cllr M Vivis be appointed to Chair the meeting until the arrival of the Mayor.

36. APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ms C Jones (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Councillor Mrs L Staite
Apologies were received from the Mayor for being a few minutes late, owing to a delayed flight

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Newton declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 16 (Platt Cemetery Wall) and left the room during this discussion.

38. OPEN SESSION:

Two residents of School Lane addressed Members with their concerns about parking issues on School Lane and asked for the Town Council's support in providing a parking scheme to resolve the problem. The residents were informed that parking is

within the jurisdiction of the County Council rather than the Town Council and the Clerk reported that Bucks CC had already been approached by residents of School Lane and had been informed that the Highways Department would be providing a costing for a specification in the Autumn for possible inclusion in the 2018/19 LAF Budget, but any project agreed by LAF would require matched funding. It was also suggested that the residents contact Bucks County Councillor Isobel Darby for support.

39. **MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS:** The engagements from 15 May to 24 July 2017 were tabled though it was noted that owing to his holiday, the Mayor had not had an opportunity to verify the accuracy of the information provided. *Post-meeting note – the Mayor has confirmed that the engagements listed were correct.*

40. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 MAY 2017**

It was	Proposed	Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
	Seconded	Councillor A Seymour

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 May 2017.

41. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2017**

It was	Proposed	Councillor C Morgan
	Seconded	Councillor M Grimson

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 June 2017.

42. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2017**

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Seymour
	Seconded	Councillor Mrs J Cook

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 June 2017.

43. **MATTERS ARISING**
There were no matters arising.

44. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

i) Planning & Footpaths Minutes 22 May 2017

It was	Proposed	Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
	Seconded	Councillor Mrs J Cook

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2017.

ii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes – 12 June 2017

It was	Proposed	Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
	Seconded	Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2017.

iii) Planning & Footpaths Minutes 10 July 2017

It was	Proposed	Councillor C Morgan
	Seconded	Councillor M Flys

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 10 July 2017.

iv) Community Services Minutes – 26 June 2017

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Seymour
	Seconded	Councillor M Grimson

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 26 June 2017.

v) Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 5 June 2017

It was	Proposed	Councillor Mrs J Cook
	Seconded	Councillor M Grimson

RESOLVED to

Approve the Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Meeting held on 5 June 2017.

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

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

46. **MARTIN PHILLIPS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

A policy statement for administration of the award fund was circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Vivis
	Seconded	Councillor A Seymour

RESOLVED to

Approve the policy statement as prepared.

47. **MAYOR'S CONSORT BADGE:**

After discussion, it was AGREED not to proceed with the purchase of badge for the Mayor's consort.

48. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Cllr Walsh reported that after a recent meeting with the local Police Commander, measures are being taken to address the problem of anti-social behaviour around King George V Road.

49. **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

i) Local Area Forum (LAF) Funding

It was reported that the LAF has agreed to part fund a Phase 1 Parking Review during 2017/2018 on roads in Amersham to the south of the railway line, providing they receive matched funding. (It is expected that further phases for other areas of Amersham would follow in 2018/19 and 2019/20). It was confirmed that no action would be taken by the County Council in addressing parking problems without matched funding being provided by the Town Council. After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Seymour
	Seconded	Councillor Mrs J Cook

AGREED to

Provide matched funding for the Amersham Parking Phase One project at a cost of £5,794 to the Town Council, providing a holistic approach is taken to addressing parking problems in the whole of Amersham, as well as Chesham Bois. It was suggested that any further matched funding from the Town Council for parking reviews in Amersham would need to be separately precepted.

ii) Resident's complaint about parking problem on Station Road

The Clerk reported on a resident's complaint about parked vehicles causing a visibility hazard for vehicles egressing the driveway of Amersham Court on Station Road. As this would appear to be a highways safety issue, the Clerk was asked to refer this back to the Highways Department at Bucks County Council.

50. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

There were no matters for report.

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.

51. **ITEM RELATING TO CHILTERN POOLS PROJECT:**

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

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The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Chairman Date

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