

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Ms C Jones (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Flys (Deputy Town Mayor) – from 7.45pm
Councillor Mrs J Cook
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor R Jones
Councillor C Morgan
Councillor A Seymour
Councillor Mrs L Staite
Councillor N Shepherd – from 7.35pm
Councillor Mrs L Walsh – from 7.35pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson (Town Clerk Finance & Policy)
Mr S Catanach (Town Clerk Community & Services)
Cllr G Williams (Bucks County Councillor)

The Mayor welcomed Bucks County Councillor Gareth Williams to the meeting and thanked him for attending.

56. **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Councillor M Vivis

57. **ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor H Newton

58. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

59. **MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS - 17 SEPTEMBER TO 26 NOVEMBER 2018:**

The list of engagements tabled at the meeting were noted.

Councillor Mrs Walsh and Councillor N Shepherd entered the meeting

60. **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

a) **Council Minutes for Meeting held on 17 September 2018**

It was	Proposed	Councillor C Morgan
	Seconded	Councillor J Cook

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 September 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

b) (i) Planning and Footpaths Minutes

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Seymour
	Seconded	Councillor N Shepherd

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 1 & 22 October 2018 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

It was noted that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 12 November 2018 will need to be ratified at the next Council meeting on 21 January 2018.

c) Finance & General Purposes Minutes

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Grimson
	Seconded	Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 15 October 2018 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

d) Community Services Minutes

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Seymour
	Seconded	Councillor M Grimson

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 29 October 2018 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

61. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising.

62. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Councillor M Flys entered the meeting.

a) Chiltern Lifestyle Centre

Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Mrs Walsh updated the committee with progress on the plans for the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre.

b) New multi-storey car park on King George V Road

Members were informed that the new multi-storey car park will be open from 30 November. It was noted that the lighting of the new building is to be altered to avoid light pollution to near neighbours and the green landscaping has yet to be completed. The colour of the building materials used was considered out of keeping and the Mayor agreed to question this with the planning department to ensure that the materials used have been as specified on the planning consent.

63. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

a) Unitary Authority Status

County Councillor Gareth Williams gave a brief update on the recent announcement for the new unitary authority for Bucks.

b) One year Devolved Services Contract

After discussion, Members resolved to accept the one year Devolved Services Contract from Bucks County Council. However, Members have some concern about the ramifications resulting from the reduced contract period and the Mayor will be meeting representatives from Bucks County Council to discuss these concerns.

Proposed – Councillor R Jones
Seconded – Councillor Ms C Jones

c) Bucks CC pilot scheme for Pot Hole repairs

After a brief discussion, Members agreed to decline taking part in the 2018/2019 pilot scheme for minor road repairs.

Proposed – Councillor M Grimson
Seconded – Councillor Ms C Jones

d) Parking

Cllr Morgan raised the issue of a recent survey completed by residents of Orchard Lane to complain about parking in the road. County Councillor Gareth Williams confirmed that he was aware of the problem in Orchard Lane as well as other roads in Amersham and that the Local Area Forum will be looking at the issue in the New Year.

64. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

The Clerk informed Councillors of a request from a resident for additional bus shelters on the 103 route through Amersham towards Chorleywood. Councillor Gareth Williams offered to find out who was responsible for the bus shelters in Amersham so the resident can be informed.

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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.

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

66. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

a) Item relating to ATC property

b) Community Hub

The Chiltern District Council ‘community hub’ terminal at Chesham Town Council was discussed. Cllr Jones undertook to visit Chesham TC to see if a similar outlet would be of any benefit at the Amersham Town Council office.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman Date

Council