

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 JULY 2020

PRESENT VIA REMOTE ACCESS:

Councillor M Flys (Town Mayor)
Councillor A Seymour (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs F Barrett
Councillor Mrs G Croxley
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor Ms C Jones
Councillor R Jones
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor C Morgan
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor Mrs L Staite
Councillor M Vivis
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy
Mr S Catanach -Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement
Mr M Richardson – Facilities & Depot Manager (part meeting)

135. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs B Dhanda
Councillor R Kenchington

136. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
There were no declarations of interest.

137. **MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS - 15 JUNE TO 13 JULY 2020:**
Owing to the COVID restrictions there had only been one outdoor Mayoral engagement attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

138. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 15 JUNE 2020:**
There were no matters arising.

139. **COUNCIL MINUTES:**

a) **Council Meeting held on 15 June 2020**

It was

Proposed – Councillor M Flys

Seconded – Councillor A Seymour

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 June 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

140. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

It was Proposed – Councillor Mrs L Staite
Seconded – Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs F Barratt and Mrs G Croxall be appointed to the ATC Committees as follows:

Cllr Mrs Barratt – Planning Committee and Finance & General Purposes.

Cllr Mrs Croxall – Planning Committee and Community Services & Engagement.

141. FINANCE MATTERS:

a) TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR APRIL & MAY 2020:

i) Income and Expenditure Reports for period ending 30 April & 31 May 2020

ii) Balance sheets as at 30 April & 31 May 2020

iii) Accounts paid from 1 April to 31 May 2020

It was Proposed - Councillor Mrs L Staite
Seconded – Councillor A Seymour

RECOMMENDED that the finance reports for the period 1 April to 31 May 2020 be accepted.

Councillor Vivis left the meeting.

142. TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF CCTV AT HERVINES PARK:

Following a significant increase in anti-social behaviour at Hevines Park and after discussion with the local residents and police, Members considered the quotations received for the installation of CCTV at the site. The report and recommendation of the Facilities & Depot Manager were considered. After discussion, it was agreed in principle that CCTV should be installed but that further information should be sought on the various options. It was also agreed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would approve the final recommendation based on the officer recommendation.

143. TO CONSIDER A 'FRIENDS OF HERVINES PARK' FACEBOOK GROUP:

Members discussed the suggestion from residents living near Hervines Park who had expressed an interest in setting up a Facebook Group for the benefit of the park, to help keep the park tidy and discuss issues and possible initiatives with the Council. Members were in favour of the concept and are happy to co-operate, providing the group was self-administering, at no cost to the Council and the group understood that they were not part of nor representative of the Council itself.

144. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

a) Pop-up cycle ways:

The correspondence from Buckinghamshire Council concerning the proposal for pop-up cycle ways was considered. There was some uncertainty about the suitability of some of the proposals, so Councillors would like to attend the workshop discussion before any

scheme is implemented. *Post-meeting note – an invitation has been received for ATC Members to join a discussion on the proposals.*

b) Introduction of Parking restrictions:

Members noted that some of the comments submitted by the Town Council on the previous consultation phase had been addressed in the current stage of consultation.

145. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

a) HS2 works:

The Mayor reported that he had been unable to attend the recent quarterly HS2 liaison meeting due to work commitments. It was agreed that the Mayor would contact the Chair of the HS2/AAG regarding ATC chairing future quarterly meetings.

b) Vandalism in the Memorial Gardens

It was reported that there had been some vandalism damage and anti-social behaviour at the Memorial Gardens, though there did seem to be a reduction in anti-social behaviour at Hervines Park since the decision had been made to close the gates overnight. Unfortunately it is not possible to close the Memorial Gardens overnight, as even with the gate closed, the walls are easy to climb over.

146. DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

Next meeting – Monday 17 August at 7.30pm

Subsequent meeting – Monday 14 September at 7.30pm

Councillor Shepherd left the meeting

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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.

147. ATC PROPERTIES:

a) Lease of Flint Barn House Lease

The Clerk updated Councillors with regard to the rental of Flint Barn Court.

b) Market Hall

The Clerk reported that a decision was still awaited from Bucks/Chiltern on the planning application for the repair of the Market Hall clock tower, despite the Clerk and the surveying company chasing. It was agreed that the Mayor and Councillor Caroline Jones would take this up with the planning authority.

c) Platt Cemetery Wall

The Clerk reported that news is still awaited on the PWLB loan application for the works to the cemetery wall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman Date

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