

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM,
ON MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs J Barnes (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor Ms R Dineley
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor Ms C Jones
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor H Maitland-Jones
Councillor Mrs P Milliner
Councillor D Pinkney
Councillor Miss S Scott-James
Councillor A Seymour

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson (Town Clerk Finance & Policy)
Mr S Catanach (Town Clerk – Community Services & Engagement)

52. APOLOGIES: Councillor M Flys
Councillor Mrs V Head
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor Simon Woodhead

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

54. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –20 SEPTEMBER TO 22 NOVEMBER 2021:
The list of engagements was noted.

55. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 September 2021

It was	Proposed	Councillor Ms C Jones
	Seconded	Councillor A Seymour

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair, with a slight amendment to paragraph 3, to read “council services being carbon neutral”.

There were no matters arising.

b) (i) Planning and Footpaths Minutes

It was	Proposed	Councillor H Maitland-Jones
	Seconded	Councillor Mrs P Milliner

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 13 September, 4 & 25 October 2021 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

c) Finance & General Purposes Minutes

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor Mrs P Milliner

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 11 October 2021 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

d) Community Services & Engagement Minutes

It was	Proposed	Councillor Mrs J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor J Keeler

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee held on 18 October 2021 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted, with an amendment to the attendance record for the meeting, to include Councillor Keeler.

56. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

57. APPROVAL OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

After brief discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor Mrs J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor Mrs P Milliner

RESOLVED that the Grants Sub-Committee's proposals be accepted. It was suggested that the Clerk requests additional information from Plant Based 4 Good in relation to their application, in order for Council to consider allocating them a grant. In the event that a grant is not awarded to them, it was agreed that the balance of the grant fund would be carried forward until the 2022/23 financial year.

58. APPROVAL OF CARBON AUDIT FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES:

The three quotations obtained by the Town Clerk for a carbon audit of ATC properties were considered. After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk would seek revised quotations, with the omission of any council buildings leased to 3rd parties. The Clerk would also investigate the possibility of the council providing some of the data related to the building surveys, in order to reduce costs. It was agreed that the Climate Action Working Group would review the revised quotations and report back to full Council at the January meeting.

59. REVIEW OF PLANNING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS:

After brief discussion

It was

Proposed – Councillor A Seymour
Seconded – Councillor H Maitland-Jones

RESOLVED that the Planning Working Group would continue to meet remotely, with the matter being reviewed again in 6 months.

60. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

61. MATTERS FOR REPORTS:

a) Kickstart scheme

The Clerk reported that three employees had been taken on via the Kickstart Scheme and were settling well into their roles within the grounds staff team. The fourth post remains vacant at present.

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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.

62. LEASE OF WESTWOOD LODGE, LITTLE CHALFONT:

The Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the proposal received from Little Chalfont Parish Council was considered. After discussion, it was AGREED that:

- a) The Clerk obtain an assessment of the property rental value from John Nash Estate Agent
- b) The Clerk ascertain the cost of maintenance of the property over the last 5 years.
- c) The Clerk to have an informal discussion with the occupant on his thoughts on the rental increase.
- d) The Clerk to send copies of the Westwood Park Lodge lease and the occupant's Contract of Employment to Cllr Dineley for her opinion
- e) The Clerk to report to Councillors asap with the updated information.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Chairman Date