

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM  
ON MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT:

Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)  
Councillor J Barnes (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor R Dineley  
Councillor M Flys  
Councillor V Head  
Councillor J Keeler  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor H Maitland-Jones  
Councillor P Milliner  
Councillor D Pinkney  
Councillor S Scott-James  
Councillor E Shepherd  
Councillor S Woodhead

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

54. APOLOGIES: Councillor M Dormer  
Councillor C Jones

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

56. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –SEPTEMBER TO 28 NOVEMBER 2022:  
The list of engagements was noted. The Mayor commented on how delighted he was to attend the National Britain-in-Bloom Awards Ceremony where Amersham was voted the overall national winner across all categories.

57. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022

It was	Proposed	Councillor S Woodhead
	Seconded	Councillor P Milliner

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**b) (i) Planning and Footpaths Minutes – 3, 24 October & 14 November 2022**

It was	Proposed	Councillor S Woodhead
	Seconded	Councillor H Maitland-Jones

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee Meetings held on 3, 24 October & 14 November 2022 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**c) Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 17 October 2022**

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor P Milliner

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 October 2022 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**d) Community Services & Engagement Minutes – 21 November 2022**

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee meeting held on 21 November 2022 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted, noting the two following changes to what had been agreed at that meeting:

1. To bring forward the date of the Town Meeting from 29 to 27 March 2023.
2. To rearrange the date for the Coronation Working Group meeting.

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

There were no matters arising.

**59. MARKET HALL UPDATE:**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the architect's anticipated costs and logistics of providing a toilet on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. It was felt that this option was impractical, as it would result in a reduced overall working space in the kitchen. The Clerk also reported on the feedback from a local firm with regard to recommendations for redecoration of the hall. After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor E Shepherd
	Seconded	Councillor H Maitland Jones

**AGREED** that the Clerk obtain a surveyor's assessment on the best solution to deal with the problems of moisture in the building before any redecoration work could be undertaken.

**60. REPLACEMENT HERITAGE LED LANTERNS IN AMERSHAM OLD TOWN:**

The Town Clerk reported on the options for replacement LED lanterns on the heritage lights in Amersham Old Town. After discussion,

It was	Proposed	Councillor E Shepherd
	Seconded	Councillor R Dineley

**AGREED** that the lights be replaced with 'natural white' LED lanterns on a power-saving variable illumination setting overnight.

**61. PROPOSALS FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION WORKING GROUP:**

The minutes from the recent Climate Action Working Group had been circulated prior to the meeting. The recommendations of the Working Group were noted and

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Keeler
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

AGREED to proceed with the replacement of the kitchen in the Hervines Park Pavilion.

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

AGREED to proceed with the minor within-budget improvements identified by the Working Group at the various ATC sites.

**62. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:**

The Clerk reported that Buckinghamshire Council Highways Department had submitted a bid for additional funding for the devolved contracts but could not confirm whether there would be any uplift on the 2023/24 contract allowance for parishes.

**63. MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

There were no matters for report.

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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.**

**64. SALARIES REVIEW FOR ATC STAFF:**

The recommendation of the National Employers agreed salary review was noted.

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Keeler
	Seconded	Councillor D Pinkney

AGREED that the salary review be implemented as detailed in the Town Clerk's report.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Chairman ..... Date .....