

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM
ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E Shepherd (Town Mayor)
Councillor D Pinkney (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor J Barnes
Councillor R Dineley
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor M Flys
Councillor C Jones
Councillor H Maitland-Jones
Councillor P Milliner
Councillor M Roberts
Councillor S Scott-James

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Catanach (Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement)

48. APOLOGIES: Councillor V Head
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor S Woodhead

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

50. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –25 SEPTEMBER TO 27 NOVEMBER 2023:
The list of engagements was noted.

51. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 September 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor R Dineley
	Seconded	Councillor M Roberts

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 September 2023 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the Chair.

b) Planning and Footpaths Minutes –18 September, 9 & 30 October 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor H Maitland-Jones
	Seconded	Councillor R Dineley

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Working Group Meetings held on 18 September, 9 & 30 October 2023 be accepted, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

c) Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 16 October 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16 October 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

d) Community Services & Engagement Minutes – 6 November 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor R Dineley

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee meeting held on 6 November 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

e) Climate Action Working Group Minutes – 31 October 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor M Roberts

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Climate Action Working Group meeting held on 31 October 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

52. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

53. REQUEST FOR EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CLLR VERA HEAD :

Councillor Head's request for an extended leave of absence due to extenuating circumstances was noted by Council.

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor C Jones

AGREED to approve a 3-month leave of absence until 19 March 2024.

54. 1ST INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:

The internal auditor's first interim audit for the 2023/24 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor R Dineley

AGREED that the auditor's comments be noted.

55. APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT PHOTOCOPIER:

The quotations obtained by the Clerk for a replacement photocopier were considered and the Clerk's recommendation noted.

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

AGREED that the quotation for a replacement Ricoh machine be accepted on a 5-year lease, with an annual rental of £920.68 per annum plus copy costs as set out in their quotation.

56. APPROVAL OF 2024/25 MEETING SCHEDULE & CIVIC CALENDAR:

The draft 2024/25 meeting schedule had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was Proposed Councillor C Jones
Seconded Councillor M Dormer

AGREED to approve the calendar as proposed.

57. ALTOGETHER AMERSHAM – 2024:

Cllr Dineley noted that the date of 6 July for the event had now been confirmed, with a follow-up meeting with representatives from Amersham School scheduled in early Dec. Council discussed a proposal to invite an ‘official delegation’ from Bensheim for the weekend of 6-7 July, with the aim of using the event to promote links between Amersham and Bensheim.

It was Proposed Councillor E Shepherd
Seconded Councillor M Roberts

AGREED to invite an official delegation from Bensheim over the weekend of 6-7 July, on the proviso that they wish to be involved in the summer event.

58. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

The Clerk updated the Council on the devolution contract with Bucks Council.

59. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

The Clerk noted that the streetlights in Old Amersham have all been converted to LED’s, with no issues being reported.

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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.

60. SALARY REVIEW FOR ATC STAFF:

The recommendations from the National Employers agreed salary review were noted.

It was

Proposed
Seconded

Councillor C Jones
Councillor R Dineley

AGREED that the salary review be implemented as detailed in the Town Clerk's report, backdated as recommended by the NJC to 1st April 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Chairman Date

Council