

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM
ON MONDAY 24 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E Shepherd (Town Mayor)
Councillor D Pinkney (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor R Dineley
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor M Flys
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor H Maitland-Jones
Councillor P Milliner
Councillor M Roberts

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

25. APOLOGIES: Councillor J Barnes
Councillor V Head
Councillor C Jones
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor S Woodhead

26. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor S Scott-James

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

28. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –22 MAY TO 24 JULY 2023:
The list of engagements was noted.

29. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 June 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor H Maitland-Jones

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 June 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

b) (i) Planning and Footpaths Minutes – 15 May, 5 & 26 June 2023

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Working Group Meetings held on 15 May, 5 & 26 June 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

c) Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 12 June 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor M Roberts

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 June 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

d) Community Services & Engagement Minutes – 19 June 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor R Dineley
	Seconded	Councillor D Pinkney

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee meeting held on 19 June 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted, (with the addition of the date for the drop-in session by Affinity Water under Minute No. 10.

e) Climate Action Working Group Minutes – 13 July 2023

Councillor Flys asked for more information about the possible caretaker role referred to in the minutes. It was explained that this was purely a scoping exercise to examine the possibility of a job specification rather than a recommendation to create a new appointment.

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor R Dineley

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Climate Action Working Group meeting held on 13 July 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

31. MARKET HALL – APPROVAL OF QUOTATION FOR EXTERNAL REPAIRS :

The Town Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor M Dormer

RESOLVED to appoint the contractor for the external brickwork repairs, based on their quotation of £9,960 +VAT, this being by far the cheapest quotation.

32. AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB – ALTERATION TO LICENSING HOURS:

The Town Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion Members agreed they had no objection to the club applying for extended licensing hours.
Post meeting note – The Clerk has received an apology from the club, stating that their email should have given the proposed new licensing hours as 12:00 to 22:00, not 10:00 to 22:00.

33. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

a) To agree response for Parish /Town Council survey

The survey response drafted by the Working Group and the Town Clerk's subsequent comments following her attendance at the Buckinghamshire Clerks' Forum were noted.

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Lamont
	Seconded	Councillor R Dineley

RESOLVED to submit the survey response as drafted, together with a covering email, stating that Members were pleased to see that some proposed initiatives by Buckinghamshire Council announced at the Clerks' forum may address some of the ATC concerns expressed in the survey.

34. TO CONSIDER INVITING OTHER CIVIC LEADERS TO HERITAGE DAY:

The Mayor informed Members that she would like to hold a reception for other local Council Mayors and Chairpersons at Heritage Day on 10 September. Councillors voiced their support for the proposal. The Mayor will liaise with the Clerks on a suitable venue and further arrangements will be agreed at the Community Services & Engagement meeting on 14 August.

35. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Clerk reported that the developer for the possible redevelopment of the site at Sycamore Corner had requested an in-person meeting with the Planning Committee, following their agent's recent on-line discussion. The Clerk was asked to inform the agent that in the first instance, Members would welcome the developer's written response to the concerns already raised and would only consider an in-person meeting if the developer has a revised proposal.

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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.

There were no matters for discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman Date