

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM
ON MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillor E Shepherd (Deputy Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor J Barnes
Councillor M Flys
Councillor H Maitland-Jones
Councillor M Roberts
Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Richardson (Town Clerk Finance & Policy)
Steve Catanach (Town Clerk Community Services)

42. APOLOGIES: Councillor D Pinkney (Town Mayor)
Councillor R Dineley
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor V Head
Councillor C Jones
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor A Lamont

43. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:
Councillor P Milliner
Councillor S Scott-James

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

45. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –15 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024:
The list of engagements was noted, with the addition of Councillor Shepherd's attendance at Heritage Day.

46. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 July 2024

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 July 2024 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the Chair.

47. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 15 JULY 2024:

There were no matters arising.

48. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Planning and Footpaths Minutes –22 July, 12 August, 2 & 23 September 2024

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Working Group Meetings held on 22 July, 12 August and 23 September 2024 be accepted, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

It was	Proposed	Councillor E Shepherd
	Seconded	Councillor S Woodhead

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Working Group Meeting held on 2 September 2024 be accepted, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

b) Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 19 August 2024

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor E Shepherd

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 August 2024 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

c) Community Services & Engagement Minutes – 16 September 2024

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Flys
	Seconded	Councillor S Woodhead

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee meeting held on 16 September 2024 be amended to include a statement that sponsorship sought for the Visit Amersham website should be restricted to businesses within Amersham.

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor S Woodhead

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee meeting held on 16 September 2024 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

49. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

50. DATE FOR COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE 2024

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor E Shepherd

RESOLVED to hold the community carol service in early December 2024

51. UPDATE ON HERVINES PARK PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION:

The Clerk gave an update on the public consultation survey and the comments received from residents living near the park. The Clerk was asked to arrange a date for those residents who had requested a meeting with Councillors, (Councillors E Shepherd, M Roberts and S Woodhead volunteered to attend the meeting).

52. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BIKE FOR OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

It was	Proposed	Councillor C Jones
	Seconded	Councillor M Roberts

RESOLVED to purchase a replacement part for the bike at the outdoor gym in King George V Field at a cost of approximately £1000.

53. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

54. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

a) Market Hall – Amersham Society’s proposal for Market Hall

A report from Derek Kemp of Accounting Solutions on the feasibility of putting Market Hall into trust status had been circulated prior to the meeting and his comments were noted by Councillors. The Clerk is still awaiting legal advice on the matter.

b) Grants Sub-Committee meeting

It was agreed to hold the Grants sub-committee meeting immediately prior to the Finance Committee meeting on 21 October 2024. Cllr Flys will check that Cllr Milliner will be available to attend.

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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

Council