

# **Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 March 2010 at Globe House, Alcester**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR**

Three Members of the public were present, Mr and Mrs Weaver and Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill and Mr Weaver brought concerns to the Council which were duly answered.

### **Present**

C Gough (Deputy Mayor), S Adams, Y Hine, E Payne, P Crabtree, N Dearling, L Cumberbatch, W Malin, D Hancox, N Knapman, P Carr, J Bunting, R Leek, C Wright (Clerk).

### **Apologies - 010310**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from M.Gittus (Mayor), M.Graham, J.Kenyon

### **Minutes of last meetings 02/02/10 - 020310**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 February, having been circulated, were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr Malin and approved by Council.

### **Declarations of Interest - 030310**

No declarations of interest were received

### **Mayor's Report - 040310**

No report had been received from the Mayor on recent activities due to his absence

### **Alcester Emergency Plan, Flooding and Drainage - 050310**

In light of the absence of Cllr Gittus, Cllr Payne gave a short report on his behalf stating the funds were now being made available by the County Council and District Council towards the project and HSBC have responded positively toward the work to connect the Waitrose Pipe to the High Street. The Project start date for people to appear on site is March 2010 and there will be a Public Drop In session on Tuesday 16t March at Globe House. An emergency store is being planned for storing equipment and 2 suitable locations are being considered.

### **Alcester Area Health Reforms - 060310**

Cllr Cumberbatch gave a report stating work had started on the old school building in Moorfield Road to temporarily house the Integrated Home Care team. There had been some issues raised by the staff regarding job descriptions and contracts and this was being addressed. Cllr Cumberbatch also reported the full business case was being discussed at the PCT board meeting in a week's time and he had no concerns regarding it at present. Questions were raised on when plans would be made available and Cllr Cumberbatch assured members they would be kept informed.

### **Youth Provision - 070310**

The Clerk gave an update on current Youth Projects, stating the MUGA was on course for completion by the end of March and applications for funding toward the Youth Club Building were advanced. The Youth Council had met and a further meeting was organised for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Planning Committee - 080310**

Cllr Gough gave a report on behalf of the Planning Committee Chairman, stating the Planning Committee had looked at the Kinwarton Farm Road application in detail and had responded accordingly with concerns which included surface drainage, sewerage and traffic management issues. Concern was also raised from councillors that the development was premature due to the Housing Moratorium and clarification from Severn Trent was required.

### **Proposals to Council:**

None at present

### **Amenities Committee - 090310**

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The Amenities Committee Chairman N Dearing gave a report stating he was still pursuing plans on starting an Allotment Management Committee. Work was also ongoing at the cemetery.

### **Proposals to Council:**

None at present

### **Recreation Committee - 100310**

Recreation Committee Chairman J Bunting gave a report stating the clerk had already outlined the position with the MUGA, once completed work would be concentrated on the pavilion building starting with the Kitchen and we are still waiting for confirmation on whether we are successful with Playbuilder Funding to start the Natural Play area development. The plan for this had been changed due to the Environment Agency restrictions on Flood Plains. A Full Plan for the whole area, including the Weir Field, was now required to send to the Environment Agency for consent. It was also announced a football tournament would be taking place on Conway Fields during June.

Cllr Dearing gave a report regarding Alcester Vision Projects stating he wished to do a presentation to council which would show the progress Vision for Alcester had been making with projects, and asked the clerk to arrange a date. He continued with the Community Information Screen at Select and Save which is now up and running. Councillor Dearing reminded councillors we are still looking for projects for the final year and would welcome input from them.

The Clerk stated that Alcester Pavilion had already been reported and nothing more could be added at this stage.

### **Proposals to Council:**

None at present

### **Community Committee - 110310**

The Community Committee Chairman Cllr Payne gave a report stating although Emergency Planning had been mentioned he was pleased to report the review of the Emergency Plan was now complete. He added a PCSO was now attending meetings. At a recent meeting called to discuss anti social behaviour at Hopkins Precinct the Town Councils projects were outlined and were well received. The Town regeneration Seminar run by VASA at Alcester Town Hall was very successful and a number of councillors attended. Further concerns were raised by councillors on anti social behaviour issues in the town and policing. The Communication sub-committee Chairman Cllr Malin gave a report stating the Newsletter had been delivered on time and advised councillors the closing date for the next one was 21<sup>st</sup> May. He also reminded councillors the next Council Surgery was next Saturday at Church House. Councillors agreed the content of the newsletter was improving and wished compliments to the Assistant Clerk for the hard work put in be recorded.

### **Proposals to Council:**

None at present

### **Scrutiny Committee - 120310**

The Scrutiny Committee Chairman stated there had been no meeting to report on.

### **Presidium – 130310**

The Clerk reported there had been no Presidium Committee meeting to report on.

### **Complaints and Local Forum reports - 140310**

The Clerk reported on general concerns received and actions taken following the most recent Council Surgery, these included paths on allotments, cyclists on pavements and the damage to the Town Hall Windows from the Town Council surgery on 6<sup>th</sup> February and a follow up had been received regarding A boards on the High Street. All these complaints had been forwarded to the appropriate authority or person.

The Clerk gave a report from the recent Local Community Forum at Ardens Grafton Village Hall, stating the three most important issues taken forward were Vehicle Crime and Anti Social Behaviour in both Alcester and Bidford.

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Councillor who were present commented on the recent Hopkins Precinct Forum. This included the report from Alcester Police on their recent activity and a report from Town Council stating the efforts that were being made on a long term strategy regarding facilities for the young people in Alcester and particularly in the Conway Area.

### **Payment of Accounts - 150310**

The Clerk presented to each councillor a list of cheques raised for approval by Council. Cllr Malin proposed its acceptance and Cllr Hine seconded and this was agreed to be accepted by council.

### **Correspondence – 160310**

The following correspondence was read out by the clerk and noted by councillors.

- a) Invitation to Annual Parade and Court Leet Service
- b) Road Closure Orders for Alcester & Forest of Arden Food Festival and Warwickshire Royal British Legion Parade and Service of Thanksgiving.

### **District and County Councillors' Reports - 170310**

The following reports were received from Ward, District and County Councillors. Cllr Adams asked councillors to note the picture of Cllr Madge that had been put up in Globe House and also reported on various meeting she had attended including Licensing, Warwick Hospital's Trust Status celebrations and Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Juned reported on the budget and wage agreements of the District Council as well as other proposals to save money. She also commented on the importance of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Cllr Payne Commented on numerous meetings he had attended, which included the Community Forum, a VASA event on Town regeneration and the Alcester Flood Forum as well as others.

### **Notification of Future Visitors - 180310**

The Clerk reported there were no visitors booked to come and speak to the Council to date.

### **Notification of any further business for future meetings -190310**

The Deputy Mayor made a request to Councillors for future agenda items to be received no later than 7 days prior to next meeting

### **Dates of future meetings - 200310**

The following dates were noted by Councillors

Planning Committee Mon 8 March at 6.30pm & Mon 22 March at 7.00pm

Community Committee Monday 8 March at 7.30pm

Recreation Committee Monday 22 March at 7.00pm

Amenities Committee Monday 22 March at 8.00pm

Scrutiny Committee TBA

Presidium Meeting TBA

All the above meetings to be held at Globe House