

Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 11th May 2010 at Globe House, Alcester

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

Two members of the public were present. Mrs Hill raised two issues, Signage and a tree problem. Mrs Weaver reported a fall by a member of the public on the central crossing in the High Street. Both concerns would be raised with the relevant authorities

Present

C Gough (Mayor), L Cumberbatch (Deputy Mayor), S Adams, J Bunting, N Dearling, M Graham, M Gittus, J Kenyon, E Payne, D Hancox, Y Hine, W Malin, P Crabtree, N Knapman.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders Applied)

The Mayor started the proceedings with a short prayer

Apologies - 010510

Apologies were received from P Carr and R Leek for business and personal reasons and N Knapman who may only be late,

Minutes of last meeting 06/04/10 - 020510

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th April 2010 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Malin and approved by the council.

Declarations of Interest - 030510

No Declarations of interest were offered

Mayor's Report - 040510

The Mayor declined to report on recent activities as he had been in office only one week, however he did state his diary was filling fast.

Alcester Emergency Plan, Flooding and Drainage - 050510

Councillor Gittus reported that some engineering issues still remained on the three pumps, however work did start on the 1st May. Recent heavy rain had demonstrated the success of the work done so far. The Emergency Store is still on stream, although the Election had hampered the delivery.

Alcester Area Health Reforms - 060510

Councillor Cumberbatch reported the Integrated Health and social care team were moving Monday 17th May and the Hospital would be closed immediately after. The plans would be on view at Globe House, Bidford and Studley and a public meeting is organised for the Greig Hall on 26th May when a reasonable response by the public was required. There is not a clear date when formal planning applications will be done.

Youth Provision - 070510

The Clerk reported the opening of the Multi Use Games Area was still on for May 13th, work was due to start at the Natural Play area on week beginning 17th May for completion before Half Term. The Clerk also stated that a small team were doing a presentation to the Norton Foundation for funding towards the youth club being built at the pavilion.

Planning Committee - 080510

- a) Councillors showed approval for the Annual Report from the Planning Committee Chairman M Graham for 2009-2010 for inclusion in the Alcester Town Council Annual Report.
- b) The membership of the Planning Committee for the coming year was agreed to be made up from the present committee but including Cllr Gittus to replace the position vacated by the deputy Mayor.
- c) There were no Proposals to Council

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Amenities Committee - 090510

- a) Councillors showed approval for the Annual Report from the Amenities Committee Chairman N Dearling for inclusion in the Alcester Town Council Annual Report
- b) The membership of the Amenities Committee for the coming year was agreed to be made up from the present committee.
- c) There were no Proposals to Council:

Recreation Committee - 100510

- a) Councillors showed approval for the Annual Report from the Recreation Committee Chairman J Bunting for inclusion in the Alcester Town Council Annual Report
- b) The membership of the Recreation Committee for the coming year was agreed to be made up from the present committee
- c) No report was offered regarding Alcester Vision Projects
- d) Cllr Bunting reported that work at Alcester Pavilion was now starting following the end of the football season. The Multi Use Games Area opening was due on May 13th followed by the start of work on the Natural Play Area.
- e) There were no Proposals to Council

Community Committee - 110510

- a) Councillors showed approval for the Annual Report from the Community Committee Chairman E Payne for inclusion in the Alcester Town Council Annual Report.
- b) The membership of the Community Committee for the coming year was agreed to be made up from the present committee but including Cllr Gittus to replace the position vacated by the Deputy Mayor.
- c) Councillors accepted a report from the Communication sub-committee Chairman–W Malin who reminded members of the sub committee there was a meeting on May 18th to discuss the newsletter.
- d) There were no Proposals to Council

Scrutiny Committee - 120510

Councillors received a report from the Scrutiny Committee Chairman D Hancox who stated that following two meetings the following proposals were agreed by the Scrutiny Committee to be put before Full Council or their approval.

- a. Councillors should receive signed Notices of Meetings as an e-mail pdf attachment and that this should be reviewed as a proposal every year at the Annual Council Meeting or the following meeting. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Hancox, seconded by Cllr Dearling and approved. A concern was raised by a councillor who asked that remuneration of printing costs may be considered and was referred to the Presidium.
- b. Actual workers salaries should not be included against their names for the approval of payment of accounts, but summarised as a cumulative total at the end. Cllr Hancox explained this was to comply with Data Protection. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Hancox, seconded by Cllr Cumberbatch and approved by council.
- c. In accordance with standing orders, Public Participation is allowed immediately before the full council meeting, however the Full Council meeting should only allow participation by Town Councillors during the meeting and the meeting should close before District and County Councillors reports. It was proposed that the agenda is modified to reflect this. Councillors were concerned

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and following discussion a modification to the proposal to allow District and County Councillors time before the start of Standing Orders was agreed. The amended proposal was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cumberbatch, seconded by Cllr Graham and approved by council.

d. To amend Standing Orders to state 'Mayor and Deputy Mayor' to be ex officio members of every committee except Scrutiny. Cllr Hancox stated this was a practice that had been accepted over the last two years and proposed this amendment, which was seconded by Cllr Adams and approved by council.

Alcester Town Council Mayor's Annual Report - 130510

The report from the Past Mayor for inclusion in the Alcester Town Council Annual Report was not available.

Town Council Representatives - 140510

The following appointment/reappointments of Town Council Representatives for the coming year were agreed:

- a) St Nicholas School Board of Governors: Cllr Lennox Cumberbatch to remain
- b) VASA: Cllr Sue Adams to remain
- c) Alcester Town Hall Management Committee: Cllr Nick Dearling stood down and Cllr Nina Knapman was nominated and approved.
- d) Greig Hall (Observer): Cllr Chris Gough and Cllr Bill Malin were approved
- e) Alcester United Charities: Cllr Sue Adams and Cllr Bunting, Cllr Payne acting as co-opted Member.
- f) Moorfield Charity: Cllr Bunting and Cllr Malin
- g) Newport School Foundation: Cllr Hancox, Cllr Hine and Cllr Bunting
- h) Church Street Properties: Cllr Gough and Cllr Bunting
- i) Alcester 'Pavilion User Group': The clerk explained that following the dissolution of Alcester Opportunities the Pavilion User Group had been started to assure the present essential users of the Town Council support and to enable them to inform the council of their aspirations. Essential users primarily included the Lunch Clubs and Youth organisations. Councillor Hine had been invited by this group to act as chair. Council agreed to this unanimously and Cllr Cumberbatch was also elected to this committee.

Reports from Town Council Representatives - 150510

The following annual reports from the present Town Council Representatives on External Committees had been submitted either by themselves or the committee clerk at the Annual Parish Meeting for the following

- a) St Nicholas School Board of Governors
- b) CVS
- c) Alcester Town Hall Management Committee
- d) Greig Hall
- e) Alcester United Charities
- f) Moorfield Charity
- g) Newport School Foundation
- h) Church Street Properties

Other Town and District Council Led Committees - 160510

Appointment or reappointment of members for the following groups was not considered necessary as each group would seek members independently:

- a) ACT.COM - Health and Inequality group
- b) Vision for Alcester
- c) Olympic Committee

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Complaints and Local Forum reports - 170510

The Clerk reported on some general concerns received and actions taken from the most recent Council Surgery and reminded councillors of the next Community Forum due to take place in June.

Payment of Accounts - 180510

The Clerk presented a list of Payment of Accounts for approval by Council, This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cumberbatch and seconded by Cllr Dearling and approved by council.

Correspondence - 190510

The following correspondence was noted by Councillors

a) Clerk and Councils Direct magazine

Notification of Future Visitors - 200510

There were no Visitors planned in the coming weeks

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 210510

The Mayor requested Councillors for agenda items for future meetings to be received no later than 7 days prior to next meeting.

Dates of future meetings - 220510

The dates of the following council meetings were noted by councillors

Planning Committee Monday 24 May at 7.00pm & Monday 7 June at 6.30pm

Community Committee Monday 7 June at 7.30pm

Recreation Committee Monday 24 May at 7.00pm

Amenities Committee Monday 24 May at 8.00pm

Scrutiny Committee TBA

Presidium Meeting TBA

Alcester Town Council Meeting Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 7pm.

All the above meetings are to be held at Globe House

Standing Orders Were Suspended

District and County Councillors' Reports - 230510

Cllr Adams reported on the new powers under licensing control by the district Council which will enable the District Council to call in a licence with enough evidence to prove the need.

Cllr Gittus gave a County Council report with respect to 'Meals on Wheels', the roads in Alcester to be given 'Tile and Chip' maintenance and parking at the Stratford Registry office. He also commented on the Gas Contractors agreeing to remove restrictions before the Alcester Food Festival and ongoing talks with Kinwarton Parish Council following requests from their residents for copies of the Alcester Town Council Newsletter.

Cllr Payne reported on District Council updates on Waste Collection, Tree maintenance, Housing, and House infestations.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.