

Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 5 July 2011 at Globe House, Alcester

Present

Councillors, L Cumberbatch (Mayor), Y Hine (Deputy Mayor), S Adams, J Bunting, J Kenyon, N Knapman, C Neal-Sturgess, Y Morrison, E Payne, A Brown, M Cargill and J Styles, C Wright (Clerk) officiated.

Public Participation at Discretion of Mayor

One resident was in attendance, with one member of the press. Nothing was brought forward to

District and County Councillors' Reports

The following reports were received from Ward District and County Councillors: Cllr Adams reported she had attended further training on Planning Approvals and Licensing, as well as meetings in particular regarding ground maintenance. She also reminded members of the forthcoming SCAN meeting.

Cllr Payne reported that as Chair of the District Council his role had changed and had attended only one committee, the West Area Planning Committee, he had though attended numerous events including 6 in Alcester. He had also had meetings with officers regarding community facilities.

Apologies - 010711

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from C Gough, P Carr, W Malin, M Gittus.

Minutes of previous meeting - 020711

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 June 2011, having been circulated, were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Hine, seconded by Cllr Kenyon and approved by Council.

Declarations of Interest - 030711

Members are asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. No interests were declared.

Mayor's Report - 040711

The Mayor reported on recent his recent activities, which had included attendance at 12 events, including the Alcester Grammar School community day, the local community forum, the Armed Forces day, St Benedicts School Extension awards, Springfields awards to their staff, the opening of the new Mooch shop and the Duck Race.

Community Committee - 050711

The following reports were received from the Community Committee

Cllr Payne gave an update on Emergency Planning, stating the formal opening of the Environment Agency Flood Alleviation scheme had taken place as stated and that work would continue from August on the Severn Trent Scheme. Concern was raised regarding the disruption to the town which will include road closures as well as the replacement of a drain on the Old Recreation Ground and across Stratford Road. The Planning Committee are involving themselves with the developer and will lead in negotiations regarding the programme.

Cllr Cumberbatch gave an update on Health and Inequalities issues in the town, stating there had been a meeting of the Health Stakeholder group who had been in discussions with the doctors who had confirmed work would start soon on site. The Council would also be sending a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of Warwickshire NHS as well as the Nursing Directors asking for confirmation of the start date. Meeting are continuing with respect to older peoples issues and the remainder of the hospital site.

Cllr Payne stated there was nothing to report on Business Support

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Cllr Adams gave a report on the Town Development Working Groups activities stating signage was being reviewed and the supplier had been contacted. The Chamber of Trade and Commerce were to meet with the Local Enterprise Partnership and progress was being made with the next Town Guide.

Cllr Payne gave an update on Senior Citizens issues stating there was a recent Department of Health publication which would be reviewed and the committee informed of its consequences.

Cllr Payne gave a statement on Community Safety stating that Cllr Sturgess would be picking up engaging with our local police to keep council informed.

An update was given on Youth Issues stating the Pavilion programme was still on stream. Cllr Styles will now lead with regard to youth issues.

Cllr Cumberbatch gave an update on Community Facilities, in particular Globe House, which was due to go for a decision by Stratford District Council's Cabinet on July 18th, when a report from Andrew Lovegrove, Head of Resources at Stratford District Council will be presented for ATC to manage the building. Concern was raised by councillors regarding maintaining the current facilities for people who need the Citizens Advice and Volunteer bureaux etc. Concern was also raised that the Town Council was having to take on responsibilities that should be shared with other Parish Councils as their residents would also be involved

Cllr Malin gave an update on Communication issues stating the dates for the next council surgery. The website is to be reviewed and the deadline of articles for the next Newsletter is last week in August for delivery first week in September.

The Clerk informed councillors that Propositions to Council could only appear on an agenda following approval of the minutes for the meeting that the proposition appeared on.

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee - 060711

Cllr Bunting gave an update on Recreation Facilities, stating the inspection of the play areas had identified a number of issues which had been put on a programme of remedial work. He also gave an update on Ground Maintenance and in particular Dog Fouling stating Notices were available for putting on lamp posts.

Cllr Knapman gave an update on Environment issues, particularly damage to trees and stakes on the Community Orchard, invasive plants on the river banks and clogging of the rivers around Oversley Bridge. Membership of the proposed Environment Sub Committee was also considered.

Cllr Hine gave an update on the Allotments stating inspections had been done and the best allotments chosen for awards, one from each allotment and the best improver.

Council were informed the Cemetery was now under the leadership of Councillor Brown.

There were no propositions to Full Council at present.

Planning Committee - 070711

Council were informed of two Planning Applications which had required site visits and concerns had been raised with the District Council planning department.

Attendance at a District Council planning committee meeting may be required.

The Clerk gave an update on the portion Stratford Road Land

c) To receive an update on the Design Statement

d) To receive an update on High Street Shops

Proposals to Council: None at present

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Presidium - 080711

The Mayor said a meeting was due to discuss both Globe House and any further developments that may need addressing.

Scrutiny - 090711

A meeting of the Scrutiny Committee would need to be arranged in the near future.

Payment of Accounts - 100711

The Clerk asked for approval by Council on the Payment of Accounts for June 2011. Following explanations on various items the accounts were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Hine, seconded by Cllr Payne and approved by council.

Correspondence - 110711

The Clerk reported there was no correspondence directly to the Council, Committees had received some and all e-mailed information was now cascaded.

Notification of Future Visitors - 120711

The Clerk reported there were no visits organised to date, however there were some pending and councillors would be informed

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 130711

No future business was offered and the Mayor made a request to Councillors for agenda items to be received by the Clerk no later than 7 days prior to next meeting.

Dates of future meetings - 140711

Councillors were asked to note the following dates for future meetings:

Planning Committee Tuesday 12 July at 7.00pm & Tuesday 26 July at 7.00pm

Forum meeting TBA

Community Committee Monday 11 July at 7.00pm

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Monday 25 July at 7.00pm

Scrutiny Committee TBA

Presidium meeting TBA

Council Tuesday 2 August at 7.00pm

All the above meetings to be held at Globe House