



Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at Globe House, Alcester.

Present

Councillors Y Hine (Mayor), C Neal-Sturgess (Deputy Mayor), M Cargill, E Payne, L Cumberbatch, M Gittus, A Brown, C Gough, J Bunting, S Adams, N Knapman, J Styles, S Payne, C Brannigan and Town Clerk C Wright

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

Residents were invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Town Council meeting.

Mr Andrew Mann questioned the progress of the Alcester Neighbourhood Plan stating he had put his name down at the workshops that had been run and had heard nothing and that there was more importance now being given to Neighbourhood Plans that it was becoming more important than ever for Alcester to have one. Mrs Susan Juned was also present and also confirmed her interest in joining the Neighbourhood Plan team and reiterated its importance. Cllr Neale-Sturgess and the Clerk responded on behalf of the Council giving a broad outline of the current position and explaining that progress was not strictly possible until confidence in the Stratford District Council Core Development Strategy was high enough to proceed as Neighbourhood Plans had to be compliant with the relevant Core Strategy Strategic Objectives.

District and County Councillors' Reports

The following reports were received from Ward District and County Councillors. Mrs Susan Juned gave a report for the recent period she was a District Councillor, she also thanked Alcester Town Council and the Alcester residents for their support. She continued that she had accepted the leading role in the Litter Free Alcester group, MacDonalds had indicated their support and asked if Alcester Town Council would be supportive. She had sent photographs of the grass cutting in Alcester to Stratford District Council and also stated she retains a keen interest in the District Council refurbishing the Play Equipment on the land next to Hopkins Precinct.

Cllr Cargill stated he had already received a lot of training and had been in consultation with Strategic Planning officers regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and asking questions regarding grass cutting rotas.

Cllr Payne reported two litter bins were now in place, one in Fairwater rescent and the other in Crooks lane, but Alne bank Crescent one was still not there. Regarding Grass cutting, he had a promise that Globe House grass would be cut this week and he would be seeking a meeting with District Council officers regarding future arrangements.

Cllr Gittus confirmed he had been returned as the District Councillor for the Kinwarton Ward. He had raised concerns over the 20mph speed bump by Gunnings Bridge, which he had been assured would be measured. Concerns over traffic issues on the A435 have been addressed with the Highways Agency who have been asked to give more notice before night diversions have been put in place which may affect the volume of traffic on the A435.



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Apologies – 140601

Apologies were received from Y Morrison and J Kenyon whose reasons for absence were agreed on a unanimous vote.

Minutes of recent Council meetings held in May 2014 - 140602

The Mayor asked Councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th May 2014. Cllr S Adams proposed the minutes were accepted, Cllr Cumberbatch seconded the proposal and the minutes were approved.

Declarations of Interest - 140603

Members were asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. Councillors Adams, Gough and Hine declared an interest on agenda item 13, Payment of Accounts.

Mayor's Report - 140604

The Mayor, Councillor Hine gave a report on her recent activities, which included a number of Mayor Making ceremonies at different Councils, including Shipston on Stour. She had also attended a number of local events including the Pram Race.

Alcester Town Council – Financial Regulations - 140605

The clerk informed Council that it was time to review Alcester Town Council's Financial Regulations following recent changes and the Model version that had been sent by NALC which had been cascaded to councillors. A decision would be made at the next full council meeting and if councillors wanted to raise any concerns this was the opportunity to do so.

Alcester Town Council – Standing Orders – 140606

The Clerk informed councillors a review of Alcester Town Council's Standing Orders was also required to ensure they matched with the Financial Regulations. Likewise a decision would be made at the next full council meeting and if councillors wanted to raise any concerns this was the opportunity to do so.

Stratford District Core Strategy Response - 140607

This matter was deferred

Community Committee - 140608

Cllr Payne the Chair of the Community Committee asked the following councillors to comment:

There was no update on Health and Social Care

Cllr Neale-Sturgess gave an update on Resilience issues stating the Resilience committee had not met due to low attendance and another day and time was being considered. The Fire and Rescue Service response letter is to be put together and cascaded to councillors.

Cllr Brown gave an update on Business Support stating the Alcester Food



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Festival had been a success. Concerns were raised by councillors regarding disability access. The Town Clerk was asked to consider disability access is to be part of the Market Operator Conditions. Planning Committee to consider this matter. Cllr Brown also commented on how the Shops were getting behind the 1940's theme for the Annual Street Market.

Cllr S Payne gave an update on Speed Aware stating there had been 2 sessions of speed checks made, one on Birmingham Road, where 26% speeding was observed and on Evesham Street where no speeding was observed. No further sessions were planned, however, until formal training had been completed, as the group will then be covered under the Police public liability insurance.

Cllr Morrison gave an update on Communication stating the Newsletter had gone out on time even though the deadlines were quite short. The Council Surgery would be held this Saturday

Cllr Styles gave an update on Youth issues stating she will be attending Alcester Academy events including the New Intake evenings, there was to be a Youth Cinema event at Alcester Academy on 13th June and an Alcester Youth Project meeting on 4th July, Year 11 students are completing their term on the Alcester Youth Council, but recruiting new members is already starting

There was no update on Fields in Trust

There was no update on Community Grants

Cllr E Payne gave an update on The Jubilee Centre stating that the committee was working hard raising money for the room divider and the car park projects
There were no propositions to Council from the Community Committee:

Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee - 140609

Cllr Cumberbatch, the Recreation, environment & Open Spaces Committee Chairman, gave a report stating the committee was setting out some clear policies for this year with a draft plan identifying priorities for each section, these policies should also be able to be included in the Neighbourhood plan
There were no propositions to Council from the Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee.

Planning Committee - 140610

Cllr Gough, the Planning Committee Chairman, gave a report stating although most of the Neighbourhood Plan and strategic matters had been discussed there had been another pre-application enquiry for 3 houses to replace what is currently a single detached dwelling.

There were no propositions to Council from the Planning Committee

Presidium Committee - 140611

There were no updates from the Presidium Committee

To receive a Report From the Clerk - 140612

The Clerk gave an update regarding Globe House stating that despite promises no clear decision had been reached and the matter still rested on reaching a financial decision. Councillors raised concerns over the time the process had taken, and when the Town Council could discuss its future location.



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The clerk stated there was no further news on the Greig Centre. Councillors raised concern regarding how long Stratford will support the present position.

Payment of Accounts - 140613

The Clerk gave a report for approval by Council on payment of accounts for May 2014, Cllr Brown proposed their acceptance, Cllr Brannigan seconded the proposal and council approved them.

Correspondence - 140614

The Clerk stated no other correspondence has been received other than e-mailed correspondence that is taken as read.

Notification of Future Visitors - 140615

The Clerk advised council no Future Visitors had been arranged.

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 140616

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 - 140617

The Mayor made councillors aware of the following meeting dates

Community Committee Monday 9th June 2014 at 7.00pm

Planning Committee Tuesday 10th June and 24th June 2014 at 7:00 pm

Recreation Environment & Open Spaces Committee Monday 16th June 2014 at 7.00 pm

Presidium Committee Meeting Monday 23rd June 2014 at 7:00 pm

Alcester Town Council Meeting Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.00pm

All the above meetings are to be held at Globe House unless stated