



Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 5th August 2014 at Globe House, Alcester.

Present

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

No residents were present.

District and County Councillors' Reports

The following reports were received from Ward District and County Councillors:

Cllr Adams stated the Stratford Hospital were fundraising for the Eye and Cancer Units and that the future of certain services at the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch was out to public consultation, but in Worcestershire only. This may affect the Orthopaedic, Pediatric and Maternity Units. Councillors raised concern as there was a significant historical use of the hospital by Alcester Residents. Cllr Adams was to find a contact for the Town Council to write to. Cllr Payne reported there had been officer changes at Orbit and he was keen to meet with them as there were outstanding issues to be addressed, which included such items as the condition of garages, overhanging trees and pedestrian ramps. He also commented on the electrical sub-station which had been erected and connected in Cross Road, stating the contractor had agreed to moving the Sub Station once the ownership of the portion of green land next to its present location could be determined. The Clerk was progressing this.

Cllr Gittus reported he had advised the Oversley Mill Park residents on financing some reinforcement on the river bank. He confirmed he is on the working party re the Fire and Rescue Service consultation, 1014 people had responded. At the Stratford District Council the principle of a Unitary Authority was brought up again and a paper was presented to SDC Cabinet and although they are not supporting it at present they are keeping an open mind. The Highways resurfacing work is progressing and work will be done on the defective speed bumps. He also thanked everyone for supporting the Royal British Legion events on the previous Saturday and Sunday to mark the beginning of the First World War.

Cllr Cargill stated he had attended the Churchill Retirement Homes inquiry, and had a meeting with the Orbit Area Manager regarding the Malt Mill Lane Centre as it was not being used as much, and they were also able to supply some data on future housing needs.

Cllr Payne stated he had also had meetings with Orbit Officers regarding sheltered housing schemes.

Apologies - 140801

Apologies were received from S Payne whose reason for absence was agreed on a unanimous vote.

Minutes of recent Council meetings held in July 2014 - 140802

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st July 2014 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cargill, which was seconded by Cllr Cumberbatch and approved by Council.

Declarations of Interest - 140803

There were no Declarations of interest

Mayor's Report - 140804



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The Mayor reported on her recent activities, which included the Launch of Alcester as a Bee Friendly Town, the Towns Commemoration of World War 1, and she reminded Councillors of the Talk By Cllr Bunting on World War 1 at the Jubilee Centre in September

Alcester Neighbourhood Plan - 140805

Cllr Neal-Sturgess gave a powerpoint presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan which had also been given to local parishes and the Oversley Green Residents Association. He also answered questions particularly on the need for Parking and buildings within the Conservation Zone.

Our Alcester – Future Community Engagement Programme - 140806

The Clerk gave a Powerpoint Presentation on Our Alcester Programme was based on the 'Our Place' principle which was part of the Localism Act along with Community Rights and the Neighbourhood Plan. He then gave a report on the proposed dates and venues for the Our Alcester Road Show and asked Councillors to fill in the dates when they would be able to support it. He then gave an explanation stating that although Council had agreed to progress the Neighbourhood Plan it had not agreed to the purpose behind it and presented to Council a Mission statement for the Alcester Neighbourhood Plan and one for the Our Alcester Community Partnership. These were both proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cumberbatch, which was seconded by Cllr Brannigan and approved by Council.

Future Delivery of Services in Alcester - 140807

Cllr Cargill gave a report regarding Warwickshire County Council's Open Dialogue Evening in Dunchurch which he had attended along with Cllr Gittus and the Clerk. He stated there was a blunt message regarding the reduced service provision that would come from the savings that the County Council had to make. The process was being led by Phil Evans the head of Localities at WCC and a meeting had been organised with him. Stratford District Council were also working on a similar plan and were looking at aligning with Cherwell and Northampton District Councils, by using the Confederation Model which will allow them to set up a small business which can employ local people.

Consultation on new proposals for Care Charges - 140808

Cllr Cumberbatch gave a report relating to a press statement from the County Council on the 18th July regarding the changes to the Care Charges which will come into effect on January 1st whilst the new Care Act comes in on April 1st and he asked councillors for the council to respond particularly on behalf of the Carers as the number of Social Workers has reduced and he was concerned who would be doing the necessary assessments by April 1st. Councillors raised their individual concerns and the Clerk was asked if the Town Council could respond.

The Commonwealth – Future celebration - 140809

Cllr Cumberbatch gave a report stating the historical importance of the Commonwealth in relation to the two world wars and the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and asked Councillors to consider Alcester's recognition of the importance of the Commonwealth. Councillors were asked to approve the celebration of Commonwealth day by Flying the Commonwealth Flag which was proposed by Cllr Cumberbatch, and seconded by Cllr Kenyon.

Alcester Town Council Financial Regulations and Standing Orders -



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The Clerk asked council to defer the approval of Alcester Town Council's Financial Regulations and Alcester Town Council's Standing Orders due to time restraints.

Community Committee - 140811

Cllr E Payne, the Chair of the Community Committee, gave a short report stating it was looking at the running of the jubilee Centre by a Charitable Management Organisation and that Cllr S Payne was enquiring about the 'Right to Buy' following the closure of the Three Tuns Pub.

Cllr Cumberbatch gave an update on Health and Social Care stating the Community Nurses were now operating out of Stratford, and the Alcester Doctors Practices had endorsed the Towns Dementia Friendly Status.

There was no report on Resilience issues,

Cllr Brown gave an update on Business Support stating the Moat House Inn in Kings Coughton was due to re-open in October, and that she had attended Shakespeare's England, and they were looking at ways Alcester can co-operate with Stratford upon Avon.

Cllr E Payne gave a report on Speed Aware, regarding the vetting of volunteers, which was still in progress.

Cllr Morrison gave a report on Communication, reminding councillors of the Newsletter deadline on August 19th, there was a list of cinema shows up till December and reminded councillors of the exotic pets show on Saturday. The Council Surgery had not been attended so the next was being cancelled, the complaint procedure was also being reviewed with a possible follow-up liaison with the resident.

Cllr Styles gave a report on Youth issues and stated there had been a meeting with the schools and reminded councillors of the Inov8te event at the Jubilee Centre.

Cllr E Payne gave a report on the Jubilee Centre stating the funding for the car park had been resolved and an order had now been placed, following a new quote for £16,237.

There were no propositions to Council from the Community Committee:

Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee (REOS) - 140812

Cllr Cumberbatch gave a report on behalf of the REOS Committee stating there were still a few issues to address but otherwise things were running smoothly.

Cllr Knapman reported on the Launch of the Bee Friendly Town which raised £122 and she was grateful of the support she was given.

There were no propositions to Council from the REOS Committee:

Planning Committee – 140813

Cllr Gough gave a report as the Planning Committee Chairman, stating there had been 9 planning applications during the month including one for Ragley Mill Lane, which the committee went on a site visit for, but which has now been withdrawn, and they had objected to a change of design for the new house at Acorn House. There had also been issues with overgrown trees.



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Cllr Neal-Sturgess gave an update on Strategic Planning Matters stating he had attended the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership meeting and had the results on their consultation

There were no propositions to Council from the Planning Committee

Presidium Committee - 140814

the Mayor gave an update on behalf of Presidium stating at the July Meeting the Clerk had presented the quarterly financial position as detailed in the Financial Regulations as well as reports on Globe House and the Greig Centre which the Clerk will explain next.

The Clerk gave a report regarding Alcester Town Council's Future Occupancy at Globe House stating that further meetings had taken place and the deadline for the September County Council Cabinet meeting was still viable.

The Clerk gave an update on the Greig Centre stating he had no further news to announce, the matter was still in the hands of the Charity Commissioners to his knowledge.

Payment of Accounts - 140815

The Clerk gave a report and asked for approval by Council on payment of accounts for July 2014. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Knapman and seconded by Cllr Neal-Sturgess.

Correspondence - 140816

The following correspondence has been received, e-mailed correspondence is taken as read. The first three items were noted.

- a) Locality – Saving Money by Doing The Right Thing
- b) CPRE – Countryside Voice.
- c) Katy Latham – request to do a presentation on International Citizen Service.
- d) Anne Turner – Shrub Borders on Eclipse Road, this matter was discussed and although councillors showed sympathy there was little that could be done without incurring costs to the Council, which was not considered appropriate at the present time as the Council already undertook

Notification of Future Visitors - 140817

The Clerk stated no Future Visitors have been organised to date.

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 140818

A request was made to councillors for agenda items to be received no later than 7 days prior to next Full Council meeting.

Dates of future meetings - 140819

August

Community Committee Monday 11th August 2014 at 7.00pm

Planning Committee Monday 4th August 6 pm and Tuesday 19th August 2014 7:00 pm

Recreation Environment & Open Spaces Committee No Meeting Planned

Presidium Committee Meeting Tuesday 26th August 2014 at 7:00 pm

September

Alcester Town Council Meeting Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.00pm

Community Committee Monday 8th September 2014 at 7.00pm

Planning Committee Tuesday 1st Sept 6pm and 16th & 30th Sept 2014 at 7:00 pm



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Recreation Environment & Open Spaces Committee Monday 15th Sept 2014 at
7.00 pm

Presidium Committee Meeting Tuesday 23rd September 7pm Globe House

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

October

Alcester Town Council Meeting Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.00pm at Jubilee
Centre

The Clerk reported that due to the restructuring of Globe House it is assumed
its meeting rooms will not be available and the meetings will be moved for the
October period to the Alcester Jubilee Centre. The decision where to hold future
meetings will be under constant review for the foreseeable future.