



## **Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Alcester Jubilee Centre, Alcester.**

### **Present**

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

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

Two members of the public were present but declined to speak.

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

The following reports were received from Ward District and County Councillors Cllr Cargill stated due to the Christmas period very little had happened, there is currently a Public Hearing taking place at Stratford where the Planning Inspectorate will make a decision on the soundness of the Core Strategy. It has been acknowledged Developers have reserved sites that are not currently in the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy will offer a five year land supply.

Cllr Payne also stated very little had happened, but he had been working on local issues.

Cllr Gittus stated he had concerns regarding the Redrow application to direct the flows from both attenuation ponds down one route towards the town and was seeking assurances on its ability. Regarding both the District Council and the County Council Budgets there are still considerable demands that need to be considered. The District Council proposal to work with Cherwell and South Northants District Councils has been considered at Full Council level. Cllr Gittus had also cascaded the County Councillor grants that he had considered.

Cllr Adams reported a SCAN meeting is to take place the following Thursday at the Town Hall, Stratford District Council have also employed someone to look after older person issues. She also reported there had been a lot of developers present at the Core Strategy Meeting with their counsel.

### **Apologies - 150101**

Apologies were received from J Styles, S Payne, Y Morrison, C Gough, and J Bunting whose reasons for absence were agreed on a unanimous vote.

### **Minutes of the Council meeting held December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 - 150102**

The Mayor asked councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, which were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cargill, seconded by Cllr Neal-Sturgess and approved by Council

### **Declarations of Interest - 150103**

Members were asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda, none were received.

### **Mayor's Report - 150104**

The Mayor gave a report on her recent activities stating there was not a lot to report due to the Christmas Break, but thanked councillors for their support for the Christmas Awards Celebration event.

### **Globe House - 150105**

The Clerk gave a report regarding Globe House stating that information had been received to say the matter was to be heard by Warwickshire County Council at their Full Council meeting in February. Councillors raised concerns and Cllr Gittus stated the matter was still supported at the highest level and he



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was still confident of progressing it. The Clerk reminded councillors the budgeted figure for Globe House was a significant increase on our current lease and would impact on the Precept.

### **The Greig Centre - 150106**

The Clerk gave an update on the Greig Centre stating that the district Council Officers concerned were still confident that a solution was achievable and that the Town Council should start to consider finance for the use of the facility.

### **Future Delivery of Services in Alcester - 150107**

The Clerk gave an update regarding Dialogue with Warwickshire County Council And gave a presentation on the forming of a Health and Wellbeing Board Structure within the Town Council. This was followed by an explanation of a funding opportunity the Town Council had been offered based on changes to the future use of the Alcester Jubilee Centre. Councillors raised some concerns and a future meeting was to be planned with this as a single subject. The Clerk also distributed prints of slides from a CAB initiative, 'Reach Out and Help', that is to be launched in Alcester this year.

### **Alcester Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Programme - 150108**

Cllr Neal-Sturgess gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan stating a consultant was working with us to prepare the questionnaire which would be sent to every house in the Parish, following the grant we had received from Locality and he outlined that a programme of engagement with Key Groups was also underway.

### **Community Committee - 150109**

A report was received from the Chair of the Community Committee concentrating on a Flood Refresh Course and other updates which include information on the pods on the Jubilee Fields, Broadband, a meeting with Search and Rescue, High Street Business news, Communication issues and the Jubilee Centre costs review..

There were no propositions to Council from the Community Committee:

### **Planning Committee - 150110**

Cllr Neal-Sturgess gave a report on behalf of the Planning Committee stating had only been 2 planning applications, one of which was retrospective.

There were no propositions to Council from the Planning Committee

### **Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee (REOS) - 150111**

The REOS Committee Chairman stated there had not been a meeting in December to report from, however there is a meeting planned in January. Cllr Knapman announced the Jubilee Centre was booked in January for a Wassail event relating to the Community Orchard and Bee Friendly.

There were no propositions to Council from the REOS Committee.

### **Presidium Committee - 150112**

There was no report from Presidium

### **Payment of Accounts - 150113**

The Clerk gave a report and the mayor asked for approval by Council on payment of accounts for November 2014. This was proposed by Cllr Cumberbatch, seconded by Cllr Brannigan and approved by Council.

### **Correspondence - 150114**



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The following correspondence has been received, e-mailed correspondence is taken as read.

Stratford on Avon District Council – Town Council Precept Application Form for which the clerk read out the details of the Grant being given by the District Council towards the lack of Council Tax being paid by people on benefits.

**Notification of Future Visitors - 150115**

No Future Visitors have been organised to date.

**Notification of any further business for future meetings**

The Mayor made a request to councillors for agenda items to be received no later than 7 days prior to next meeting.

**Dates of future meetings - 150117**

The Mayor made councillors aware of the following meetings:

Community Committee Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm at Jubilee Centre

Planning Committee Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 7:00pm and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at 7:00 pm Globe House

Recreation Environment & Open Spaces Committee Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7:00pm at Globe House

Presidium Committee Meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm Globe House

All the above meetings are to be held at the venues stated

Due to the restructuring of Globe House the decision where to hold future meetings will be under constant review for the foreseeable future.