



## **Minutes of an Emergency meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at Globe Alcester Jubilee Centre.**

### **Present**

Councillors C Neal-Sturgess (Mayor), C Brannigan (Deputy Mayor), M Gittus, L Cumberbatch, E Payne, M Nash, J Styles, A Brown, K Greenaway, C Gough, A Foster, G Forman, Y Morrison, and Town Clerk C Wright

### **A closed session was called by the Mayor at the end of the Full Council meeting to discuss two emergency items.**

No members of the public were present however Cllr S Adams asked to stay.

### **Apologies - 160218**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Kenyon, M Cargill and J Bunting.

### **Declarations of Interest - 160219**

Members were asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. Cllrs M Gittus, E Payne and S Adams declared an interest as District Councillors they had been involved with discussions between the District Council and the Greig Trustees. However, at the request of Councillors it was agreed that they would stay to take part in discussions but would leave before a decision was made on this item.

### **Severn Trent Water Allotment site, School Road, Alcester – 160220**

The Clerk had circulated to Councillors that the allotment site on School Road which was owned by Severn Trent Water had been listed as being for sale on the "Rightmove" site by public auction at the end of February through Lambert Smith Action House, the advert listing the site as a residential development site had generated a lot of interest, with the advert listing ATC as the contact for more information.

Cllrs were informed of the history of the site, which had been allotments since the early 1950's and consequently a covenant placed on the site to ensure that it remained as an allotment site for the benefit of the town. To protect the town from potential flooding at the Gunnings Bridge point the site is crossed by the bund, leaving the majority of the site on the floodplain for the river Arrow.

The Clerk reported to Council that he had spoken to the Auctioneers requesting for ATC's details within the advert to be removed and informing them of their inaccuracies in the description of the site and any potential future use. He had also registered the Council's interest in the site as a matter of formality although it was hoped that an agreement could be reached with Severn Trent Water before the site is sold at auction.

Cllr M Gittus proposed that ATC should register the site as a Community Asset, in doing so it would buy some time to ensure the site was saved for the benefit of the town. This proposal was seconded by Cllr A Brown and unanimously agreed by Council.

### **Response to the letter received 2 February 2016 from the Greig Trustees – 160221**



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The letter received today had been circulated to Councillors by the Clerk, who reiterated that following the previous letter ATC had requested a meeting with SDC to find out the current situation with the district Council and the Trustees. Cllr M Gittus was able to give Council the complete history of proposals between the Trustees and the District Council however could only assume what SDC would consider of the latest proposals.

It was noted by Cllrs that the new letter contained much the same content to the previous letter to which ATC had responded, therefore the point of the letter was questioned.

Following the discussions Cllrs M Gittus, E Payne and S Adams left the room. It was then agreed by Council that ATC should respond to the letter but only to acknowledge its receipt and repeat the conclusions from the previous letter as nothing had changed in this new letter.

The Mayor closed the meeting.