



**MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2022
AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER.**

Present

Councillors K Cargill (Mayor), V Blake (Deputy Mayor), M Cargill, A Foster, G Forman, K Greenaway, K Foster, S Blackman, A Leask, E Wilson, W Mills, C Neal-Sturgess, D Henderson and E Randle

In attendance Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

There was no public participation.

District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr M Cargill (Ward Member for Alcester and Rural) reported that the new refuse collection starts in August. He explained that food waste needs to go in the food caddy for weekly collection rather than in the green or black bins. Cllr K Foster suggested that some additional publicity could usefully be put on social media to explain this. It was agreed that Cllr Mills would deal with this.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Bowe, Cllr P Daniell (County Councillor) and Cllr S Juned (District Councillor).

2. Minutes of Council Meetings

The Mayor asked Councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on Tuesday 7th June 2022. The minutes were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Mills, seconded by Cllr Forman and approved by Council; they were then signed by the Mayor.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on the agenda items.

4. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that she had had a busy month – she had opened the Peace Garden at Our Lady's primary school, had attended the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict at Centenary Field, had been part of the parade and opening ceremony for the Court Leet Street Market, and represented the Town Council at Armed Forces Day. She had attended two garden parties, one for the Alcester Almshouses to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Almshouses Association and the second hosted by the High Sheriff of Warwickshire.

The Mayor reminded Councillors about the civic service on 9th July.

Finally, the Mayor was sorry to report that Cllr Laura Pusey had resigned from the Town Council just before the meeting. She thanked Cllr Pusey for her valuable contribution.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had also attended the Almshouses garden party.

5. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk presented her monthly report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no questions about the report.



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6. Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Mayor confirmed that she was satisfied that Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. There were no questions about the minutes.

There were the following propositions from the Committee:

6.1 "To authorise the Mayor to sign the Financial Contribution Agreement between Stratford on Avon District Council and Alcester Town Council to secure payment of s106 funds for the Greig Hall."

This was proposed by Cllr M Cargill, seconded by Cllr K Foster and carried by Council.

6.2 "To approve the allocation of £6,837.90 of CIL funds to the Greig Hall project to cover the cost of replacement doors."

In Cllr Bowe's absence, the Mayor explained the requirement for additional replacement doors. The proposition was made by Cllr M Cargill, seconded by Cllr Forman and carried by Council.

7. Planning Committee

In Cllr Bowe's absence, Cllr M Cargill as Vice Chair of the Committee confirmed that he was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. Cllr Cargill gave a brief update on recent applications considered by the Committee including the Committee's objection to the application to install a 5G phone mast on the old Stratford Road. There were no questions about the minutes.

There were no propositions from the Committee.

8. Lead Councillors

8.1 Cemetery

A report was presented by Cllr Forman which had been issued in advance of the meeting. Cllr Forman was thanked for her interesting report. Cllr Blackman said that he thought that the site of the old chapel would seem the best place for additional burials. The Town Clerk explained that there were some issues with this location as it was the only vehicular route into the Cemetery. Cllr Forman explained that the removal of the remainder of the dividing wall between the old and current cemetery was being considered first but permission was awaited from the Diocese.

Cllr Foster noted the recent press reports regarding difficulties at Studley Parish Council regarding burials. The Town Clerk confirmed that multiple checks were in place to ensure that this could not happen in Alcester.

8.2 Public Footpaths

A verbal report was given by Cllr Henderson. He reported that he was currently assessing pavements and footpaths in Alcester and planned to produce a report on their condition which would be presented to Full Council in due course. The Town Clerk explained that defects would need to be reported to Warwickshire County Council. The Town Clerk asked Cllr Henderson to report any dangerous paths to her as soon as possible so that she could ask for these to be prioritised by WCC.



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8.3 The Greig Hall

Cllr M Cargill proposed that in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for item number(s), which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated. This was seconded by Cllr Mills and carried by Council. The meeting was closed to the public and continued in confidential session.

The meeting reopened.

9. Allotments

Cllr Greenaway requested that a date be set for the annual allotment judging. It was agreed that the judging would take place in late July on a date to be agreed. Councillors were asked to email the Town Clerk if they were interested in being involved. It was suggested that some town organisations could also be asked if they would like to nominate a judge.

10. Climate Change Working Group

Cllr Blackman reported that an inaugural Working Group meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 12th July at the EPCC at 7 pm. Cllr Susan Juned would be presenting at the meeting. Local organisations had been invited.

11. Town Council Representatives

Moorfields - Cllr Blake reported that the trustees had met and had agreed to increase rents by 10%. There were proposals for development at the scout hut and at the tennis club.

Newport's School Foundation Cllr Neal-Sturgess reported that the trustees had met and had received a report from their solicitors on the payment due from Bloor Homes.

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Mills reported on the recent meeting on 29th June which had been attended by the local fire service and the police. She reported that the front desk of the police station would be open every Wednesday evening between 6 pm and 9 pm from 10th August.

12. Payment of Accounts

The Town Clerk presented the Payment of Accounts for the preceding month. The accounts were proposed to be approved by Cllr Neal-Sturgess, seconded by Cllr Greenaway and carried by Council.

13. Dates of future meetings

Planning Committee - Monday 18th July at 7 pm by Zoom

Finance & General Purposes Committee - Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7 pm.

Full Council - Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 7 pm.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings at Globe House.

The Mayor closed the meeting.