



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a reconvened meeting of Full Council held on **Tuesday 29th April 2014** at 8:00pm in the Council Chamber.

Present:

Cllr Pritchard (Chairman)

Cllr Harvey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Clinch

Cllr Dibben

Cllr Hicks

Cllr K Tippins

Cllr Lewer

Cllr Madgwick

Cllr Pestell

Cllr R Tippins

In attendance:

Mr Paul Russell (Temporary Town Clerk)

Mrs Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)

DCllr Beer

12 members of the public

MINUTES

2014/57 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence due to a conflicting engagement were received and accepted from Cllr Proctor.

2014/58 Declarations of Interests

Members and officers were reminded of their obligation under the Local Government Act 1972 and Localism Act 2011 to declare any known interests in any matter to be considered.

2014/59 Receipt of Dispensation Requests

The Clerk had not received any dispensation requests not previously considered.

2014/60 Public Recess

Mr Hughes – spoke in relation to agenda item 62, motion proposed regarding recording council meetings expressing support for the motion. He asked why old minutes were no longer available on the new website. It was agreed to look into this.

DCllr Beer – spoke regarding the football club expressing concern about recent emails relating. Information was provided regarding the licensing process and the Council was urged to continue with the resolution to grant a licence to the football club.

Mr Sherriff – spoke in relation to agenda item 62, motion proposed regarding the recording of council meetings expressing support for the motion.

Mr Heggie – spoke regarding the football club expressing concern about recent emails relating. He rebutted matters contained within the relating emails. Cllr K Tippins responded that she believed that the publication of her emails had been to deliberately incite hateful comments.

Mrs Coffen – spoke regarding the football club expressing concern about recent emails relating. She rebutted matters contained within the relating emails and also asked that Cllr R Tippins be removed from the delegated group to deal with the lease.

Mr Thomas – spoke regarding the football club asking who had been delegated to deal with the lease and when a report would be received back at Council. It was confirmed that the delegated members were Cllrs Harvey, R Tippins and S Clinch. Mr Thomas spoke in support of agenda item 62, motion proposed regarding the recording of council meetings and reiterated his suggestion that one meeting be visually recorded. Mr Thomas asked when the previous town clerk left employment, what the legislation was for severance, how much was paid and who authorised. A response was not provided due to the confidential nature of the information.

2014/61 Exempt Items – Exclusion of Press and Public

As certain items were expected to include the consideration of exempt information Shaftesbury Town Council **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Minute reference
2014/64

2014/62 Motion One

Cllr Madgwick **PROPOSED**, Cllr Tippins **SECONDED** and it was **RESOLVED** that Shaftesbury Town Council commits to explore the potential to record Council meetings such that a totally accurate record is maintained as to what is said by whom in its meetings.

2014/63 Draft Internal Audit Report

Members considered the draft internal audit report, its scope and terms of reference. Members expressed concern that the audit extended beyond the scope and queried the methodology but considered the conclusions and recommendations to be sound. Following considered debate, Cllr Pestell **PROPOSED**, Cllr R Tippins **SECONDED** and it was **RESOLVED** to support the recommendations contained within the internal report but to NOT adopt the interim internal audit report in its entirety.

At this point in the meeting, members of the public were asked to leave due to the following item being expected to include consideration of exempt information.

2014/64 Confidential Items

Council was provided with a report outlining to address the internal audit report, staffing and projects.

Council **RESOLVED** the following matters:

- To increase the hours for the Locum Town Clerk and expedite the recruitment process for the permanent Town Clerk. (*Proposed by Cllr R Tippins, Seconded by Cllr Dibben*) (*Policy 0414/FC/64a*) (*Statutory Authority – Local Government Act 1972 s.112*) (*Budgetary Provision – Staffing Costs*).
- To register Park Walk with Land Registry under a Statutory Declaration. (*Proposed by Cllr Tippins, Seconded by Cllr Dibben*) (*Policy 0414/FC/64b*) (*Statutory Authority – Local Government Act 1976 s.126*) (*Budgetary Provision – Capital expenditure*) Value of easement agreed, value to be exempt information.

- Ratify termination of the previous Town Clerk's contract, details were exempt information. (*Proposed by Cllr Pritchard, Seconded by Cllr Pestell*) (*Policy 0414/FC/64c*) (*Statutory Authority- Local Government Act 1972 s112*)

In relation to the other matters outlined in the report, Council AGREED to recommendations contained within the report.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:40pm