



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Full Council held on **Tuesday 11th February 2014** at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber.

Present:

Cllr Pritchard (Chairman)

Cllr Harvey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Clinch

Cllr Cook

Cllr Dibben

Cllr Hicks

Cllr Lewer

Cllr Madgwick

Cllr Pestell

Cllr Proctor

Cllr Tippins

In attendance:

Mrs Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)

Mrs Barbara Carter (Project Officer)

DCllr Jefferson

4 members of the public

MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

2014/20 Apologies for Absence

- a) There were no apologies required from members
Apologies were received from C&DCllr Jeffery due to ill health.

2014/21 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations to participate

- a) Members were provided with the opportunity under the Localism Act 2011 to declare any pecuniary interests or dispensations to participate in the meeting. Cllr Cook declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Shaftesbury Snowdrops as a member of the group.
b) The Clerk had not received any dispensation requests not previously considered.

2014/22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman formally received a copy of a World War 1 Centenary edition bound book of newspaper clippings from Mr William Sherriff which was to be signed by the Mayor on behalf of Shaftesbury and sent to 1 Rifles Regiment as a gift.

The Chairman drew attention to the snowdrop festival and the invitation to a freeman and snowdrop meal being held on 28th February 2014 to which an open invitation was extended to anyone who wished to attend.

2014/23 Open Forum

- a) Mr Alford – spoke in relation to agenda item 25 – correspondence, on behalf of the Bowling Club relating to a request submitted to the town council to extend the lease on the Old Queen Mothers Garden.

Mrs Roberts – spoke in relation to agenda item 24c – minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee, referring to a meeting she had had regarding the Town Centre Enhancement. She urged members to consider further consultation with members of the public on the scheme before pushing to complete the scheme. She further advised that she would be writing a letter to the Blackmore Vale Magazine and would provide a copy to be circulated to all members of the council. Cllr Lewer responded that he was in sympathy with her view and clarified the rationale behind concluding the scheme before inviting additional or new elements. Cllr Dibben responded that there had been considerable consultation at the time.

Mrs Caldwell – spoke regarding agenda item 29 – Standing Orders, expressing support for this proposal and hope that it would aid the work of the Town Council.

Mr Cook – apologised for his interruption of the meeting on the 4th February. He asked what progress had been made with the Rifles monument and the council's plans for its future. He mentioned a meeting at NDDC earlier that day and reference that the auditor's report had been received. He also noted that he had overheard Cllr Croney and Cllr Tippins relating to governance and asked if this was authorised. Cllr Tippins responded that this was a false statement and he had not spoken with Cllr Croney on this matter.

- b) Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Proctor extended apologies from DCllr Jefferson who had left the meeting early due to a conflicting engagement.

Mrs Commons presented apologies from C&DCllr Jeffery due to ill health.

DCllr Pritchard – reported that he felt there was an improved atmosphere at NDDC with regards to its relationship with Shaftesbury Town Council. He thanked Cllr Tippins for obtaining an expert in regards to the SUDS and for compiling documents ready for the meeting and confirmed that NDDC Scrutiny Committee had delayed making its recommendation regarding land transfer. Cllr Cook responded that the council might consider taking the auditor to report to the committee when it next met.

- c) Reports from local organisations – there were no reports from local organisations.

2014/24 Minutes

- A. The minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 16th December 2013 were **APPROVED** for accuracy and **ADOPTED**.
- B. The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2014 were **APPROVED** for accuracy and **ADOPTED**. Cllr Hicks asked that it be noted in the minutes that he had expressed reservations relating to the purpose and membership of the HR Committee (minute reference 11)
- C. The minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting of the 14th January 2014 were **APPROVED** for accuracy with one amendment and **ADOPTED**.
- D. The minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014 were **APPROVED** for accuracy with one amendment and **ADOPTED** with 1 recommendation and 1 report.
1. Cllr Madgwick sought clarification on whether any formal commitment to purchase the equipment had been made prior to Full Council. The Clerk confirmed that the council was not so committed. Cllr Hicks **PROPOSED**, Cllr Dibben **SECONDED** and it was:

RESOLVED to approve the acceptance of the quotation for £15,410 for the tractor and associated equipment. (Policy 0214/FC/24d) (Statutory Authority – Open Spaces Act 1906 s10) (Budgetary Provision – Commuted Sum)

2. Members noted the report relating to the Grounds Unit short to medium term improvements.

E. The minutes of the General Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2014 were **APPROVED** for accuracy with one amendment and **ADOPTED**. It was noted that the request for funding for the Snowdrops would be considered at the next meeting of the General Management Committee.

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

2014/25 Correspondence

There was none.

2014/26 Meeting attendance

There were no additional meetings requiring attendance.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2014/27 Shaftesbury Pool

Members considered the report relating to Shaftesbury Pool. Cllr Tippins **PROPOSED**, Cllr Lewer **SECONDED** and it was:

RESOLVED That Shaftesbury Town Council adopt the report as the agreed way forward for swimming provision in Shaftesbury in the medium term. That the report forms the basis for the business plan to be submitted to NDDC for approval in March 2014 and that Shaftesbury Town Council carry forward £10,000 from the 2013/14 swimming pool revenue budget for expenditure in 2014/2015 towards running costs. (Policy 0214/FC/27)

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

2014/28 Standing Orders

Members considered the model standing orders which had been previously circulated. Cllr Pritchard **PROPOSED**, Cllr Lewer **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

AGREED to adopt in principle the NALC model standing orders and **REFER** them to the General Management Committee for completion of council-specific information and onward recommendation to Full Council on 18th March 2014.

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:45pm