

**RWBTC/4/2018-2019**

4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## **ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.45pm at Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

**PRESENT: Councillors:** David Bowler, Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow, Janet Georgiou, Nic Hughes, Sue Hughes, Mike Leighfield, Caroline Redmond, Eve Silvester, Jenny Stratton, Marion Sweet, Steve Walls and Steve Watts.

**Also in Attendance:** Wiltshire Councillor Chris Hurst

**Officers in Attendance:** Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager and Kelly Warren, Administrative Officer and Committee Clerk.

### **41. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Robert Anstee and Paul Heaphy.

### **42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**RESOLVED** to note that no Declarations of Interest were received.

#### **43. WRITTEN REPORTS**

Written reports were submitted by the following;

- James Gray MP
- Wiltshire Councillor Chris Hurst
- Wiltshire Councillor Mollie Groom
- Councillor Sue Hughes – Local Youth Network
- Area Board Representatives

Councillor Chris Hurst spoke regarding Beaufort Park Play Area which had been adopted by Wiltshire Council in 2013. Councillor Hurst agreed he confirm this to the Town Council.

It was also agreed to amend ‘play equipment’ to ‘benches within the play area’ in his written report.

#### **44. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 [RWBTC/3/2018-2019]. Copy previously circulated.

#### **45. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor has attended 19 functions since the last Full Council Meeting from the Youth Challenge organised by the Rotary Clubs to the Town Crier Competition.

The Town Clerk took this opportunity to announce to Members that the town had been awarded a Gold award in this year's South West in Bloom 2018 competition.

#### **46. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

There were no questions received either with or without notice received under Standing Orders.

**47. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 [P/3/2018-2019] and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 [P/4/2018-2019], copies previously circulated.

**48. AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 [A/3/2018-2019], copy previously circulated.

**49. REVENUE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED to note the report on meetings of the Revenue and Resources Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 [R&R/3/2018-2019], copy previously circulated.

**50. PRESENTATION FROM TINKERS LANE AND NEW COURT SURGERIES**

Members received a presentation from the Practice Managers of Tinkers Lane and New Court surgeries with the prospect of creating a closer working relationship between the surgeries and the Council.

It was agreed that Councillors Mike Farrow and Caroline Redmond would participate in work experience with the surgeries and decide the necessary next steps such as setting up a possible working party?

The work experience is open to all Councillors.

Members expressed their thanks to both Practice Managers for an informative presentation.

**51. SPARROW LANE**

A written report from the Town Clerk, Johnathan Bourne, was received updating Members on the development of a pocket park following a meeting of the working party held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The Town Clerk confirmed to Members that the lease had now been received from Wiltshire Council and requires signatures from both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Steve Bucknell gave a verbal update of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 with the Town Clerk and the Richards Partnership during which a site visit took place and the following points were discussed:

- Anti social behaviour issues had been discussed with the Richards Partnership.
- Richards Partnership will draw up the design options.
- The working party would like residents to have a say on the design.
- Engage local companies/ businesses to help out with sponsorship of the park.
- Town Council Grounds Team to help out.
- The Crafty Coffee Pot business lease is up for sale which the Town Council is potentially looking at purchasing subject to its feasibility.

RESOLVED to:

- Contact Philip Loveday for his professional advice regarding whether The Crafty Coffee Pot business would be a good investment.
- Note the Richards Partnership will provide details of 3 companies who can conduct a topographical survey of the pocket park, following which;
- Design drawings from the Richards Partnership be brought back to the next Full Council meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## **52. STONE POPPY**

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk, Johnathan Bourne, updating Members on the Stone Poppy meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

It was discussed whether the Council felt comfortable in it's understanding of what residents wanted considering only 80 residents

attended the public meeting.

Members did not feel 80 people sufficiently represented the views of the town to form a definitive view and therefore;

RESOLVED to include a further consultation within the Community Magazine noting that the magazine is delivered to every household of Royal Wootton Bassett. This should set out the Councils position.

It was noted that the deadline for the December issue of the Community Magazine is 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 so the Council may need to ask about the possibility of an extension.

*Councillor Mary Champion left at 9.25pm.*

Further RESOLVED to publish the report of the stone specialists, Plowden and Smith and the report carried out by Tobin Engineers on the Town Council website.

*Councillor Steve Watts left the meeting at 9.30pm.*

### **53. COMMUNICATIONS**

RESOLVED to issue communications on the Stone Poppy, South West in Bloom Gold Award and the presentation from the Doctors Surgeries.

*Meeting closed at 9.35pm*