

SAWBRIDGEGWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

of the Extraordinary Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 19:30 on **Monday 30 October 2017**.

Those present

Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Pat Coysten
Cllr Roger Beeching	Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr Eric Buckmaster	Cllr Heather Riches
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr David Royle
Cllr John Burmicz	Cllr Mike Shaw

In attendance:

2 members of the public
R Bowran - Town Clerk

J Sargant – Town Projects Manager

Welcome by the mayor.

Prayers were said by Cllr Coysten.

17/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Beeching and Cllr Hall – on holiday

17/88 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

17/89 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Town Council

17/90 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 25 September 2017 (M04)
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Burmicz]

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 06 October 2017 (M04A)
[prop Cllr E Buckmaster; secd Cllr Furnace]

Matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

Minute 17/75: The Mayor asked if there had been any response from Herts CC following the meeting with them concerning the proposed move of the Library. *Clerk responded that he had now received a response and that the main theme was one of proposed mitigation.*

17/91 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and Noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on:

- 25 September 2017 (P06)
- 17 October 2017 (P07)

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AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Received and Noted: The minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on:

- 17 October (A02)

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MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

To receive the Mayor's appointments and communications:

- This month started with visits to Mandeville and Spellbrook schools. Pupils at Mandeville were presented with their certificates for the art competition. The head boy and girl of Spellbrook spent the afternoon showing me around then presenting their own assembly.
- The Rivers Orchard group held their very successful annual Apple Day, with many people coming to pick the fruit. We now have 984 bottles of juice from this year's harvest that will be sold at various events throughout the year.
- The Travel Challenge awards were presented in the chamber with Reedings school the winners but Spellbrook and High Wych were highly commended for making a bigger improvement.
- The trip to Moosburg was very enjoyable with the Mayor Anita Meinelt welcoming us and wishing to move the Twinning forward. It was an interesting weekend with the German host families being very friendly and gracious.
- I held a fundraising Quiz night at Bullfields there were nine teams taking part, with a very close result between the first and last teams. It was appreciated by all and we raised about £850.
- I went to Youth Create's 30th anniversary show, the children's performances were fantastic. The commitment and effort the leaders put into this group is immense and it shows in the enthusiasm and fun the children have.
- We also had the Bullfields AGM which has been included on the agenda.
- I visited the Sawbridgeworth Neuro Centre at Rivers Hospital site to open their 'woodland walk'. This is an area that has been made accessible for the residents, by the volunteers' hard work and funds by Rotary and the Town Council. This will now allow residents and their families to be able to spend time outside.
- Rivers Hospital were also celebrating their 25th anniversary and the opening of a new digital operating theatre. Sir Rod Stuart and Lady Penny Lancaster were guests of honour cutting the cake and unveiling the plaque.
- Next month we have Nostalgia Day and the Remembrance Service which I hope all the councillors will attend.

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APPOINTMENTS TO SYPRC COMMITTEE

Resolved: To approve the following appointments proposed at the AGM of SYPRC on 24 October 2017.

- Chair: Cllr Ruth Buckmaster
- Deputy Chair: Cllr Angela Alder
- Hon. Secretary: Cllr David Royle

- Hon. Treasurer: Joanne Sargent
- STC appointments to Committee: Cllr Sotirios Adamopoulos
- Other appointments to Committee: Ron Alder; Steve Day; Gill Hawkins; Harriet Smith; Cllr Annelise Furnace
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Coysten]

17/94 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

To receive representatives reports from:

- County Councillor Eric Buckmaster reported:
 - The death of Cllr Robert Gordon, leader of Hertfordshire County Council
- District Councillor Angela Alder reported:
 - A new procedure for District Grants. Focus on deprived areas and Sawbridgeworth is the 6th highest area of deprivation.
 - Attending voluntary sector conference as champion for loneliness, isolation and dementia
 - Attending Rural and Urban conference
 - Attending Overview ND Scrutiny committee
 - Executive council meeting at which the future of Leventhorpe pool was discussed.
- District Councillor Eric Buckmaster reported:
 - Highways matters including Cadent gas works, resurfacing of West Road and Springhall Road and High Wych Road in November, double yellow lines in Cutforth Road, traffic flow study in Sheering Mill Lane and Vantorts Road, a cycling route study, repair of railings on London Road, Burnside and Bonks Hill parking.
 - Rooting out £41k of s106 monies that might be used for Millfields lining and footpath restoration.
 - Received calls for pedestrian crossings outside Mandeville and Spellbrook schools.
 - Noted gravel extraction application for area next to Briggens Park.
 - Cllr Burmicz noted end of water works in Springhall Road and was unimpressed by the attitude of contractors. *Cllr E Buckmaster noted the comments and would pass them on.*
 - Cllr Furnace asked about the timescales for the traffic survey. *Cllr E Buckmaster said it would be within the next few weeks.*
 - Cllr Royle asked about EHDC support for local businesses. *Cllr E Buckmaster noted that it could be an agenda item for the next meeting.*
 - Town Projects Manager noted the lack of white line markings at the double mini-roundabouts. *Cllr E Buckmaster noted the comments asked for it to be reported and said he would follow it up.*
 - Cllr Shaw noted from the councillor surgery comments about unsafe footpaths in Vantorts Road and Fair Green. *Cllr E Buckmaster noted the comments and would pass them on.*
 - Appointment of a Social Prescribing Coordinator
 - Various bids will be invited for the new swimming pools contracts.
 - The Executive Committee had noted a Masterplanning process for the Bishops Stortford goods yard.
 - Cllr Shaw asked about the proposed police RING

- 17/99 INVITATION TO POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**
To report on the invitation to David Lloyd, the Police Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting of councillors, especially in view of the fact that he is seeking to amalgamate the administration of the police and fire services. Clerk reported he was in contact and would report a date as soon as one was agreed.
- 17/100 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**
There were none for noting.
- 17/101 FINANCIAL REPORT**
Noted: The current Financial Report
- 17/102 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
Noted and Approved: Accounts for payment
- 17/103 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas.
- How local businesses could be supported
[sponsor: Cllr Royle]
 - The future upgrade and development of the town's CCTV system.
[sponsor: Cllr Shaw]
 - The future expansion of the coverage afforded by the town's CCTV system
[sponsor: Cllr Shaw]
 - The expansion of ANPR coverage of the town.
[sponsor: Cllr Shaw]
 - Consideration of applying for listed status for the town's library building
[sponsor: Cllr E Buckmaster]

Meeting closed at 20:25