

SAWBRIDGECWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council held at 19.30hrs in the Council Chamber, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street on **Monday 28th March 2022**.

Those present

Cllr Angela Alder
Cllr Eric Buckmaster
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster
Cllr Annelise Furnace

Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr David Royle
Cllr Nathan Parsad
Cllr Craig Chester

In attendance:

Lisa Dale – Finance
Laura Carter – Admin
Press – Chris Carter

Thought of the day read by Cllr Greg Rattey, written by Cllr John Burmicz, the topic covered the support for Ukraine during the Russian invasion.

21/121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Burmicz
[prop Cllr N Parsad sec'd Cllr E Buckmaster]

21/122 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations received

21/123 PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were received

21/124 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th February 2022 (M08)
[prop Cllr R Buckmaster sec'd Cllr N Parsad]

21/125 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and noted: the minutes of the planning committee held on 28th February 2022 (P14)
Received and noted: the draft minutes of the planning committee held on 14th March 2022 (P15)

21/126 ECON DEVT & STAP COMMITTEE

Received and noted: the minutes of the Econ Devt & STAP Committee held on 14th March 2022 (E05)

21/127 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Successful business meeting this month
- Shop grants completed
- One shop keeper missed the deadline for the grant due to ill health and thanks to EHDC they allowed a late submission and the grant was

awarded.

- Attended the following events: Harlow quiz night, Bishops Stortford Civic dinner, Cricket club re opening, trolley dash at the House of Harlequin
- Prais was given all involved in the vigil for Ukraine and donations.

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REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Received and noted: Representatives reports from:

County Councillor E Buckmaster added:

- Updated on highways projects in the Town Fairway double yellow lines are almost completed. Further discussion with the highways officer will take place regarding the double yellow lines in Orchards, Bullfields and School Lane due to mixed feedback from residents at these locations.
- 20 mph signs are in place.
- Mention was made to the Sheering Mill Lane no entry.
- Fairway double yellow lines should be painted soon.

Questions

Cllr A Furnace thanked Cllr E Buckmaster for his work on the 20mph areas.

Cllr D Royle asked regarding the spacing of signs and mentioned damage to the speed bumps in Brook Road, Fairways and Vantorts.

Cllr E Buckmaster said all the signs were up and set up with the correct spacings. Once reported the speed bumps will be examined with a twenty-day lead time.

Cllr A. Alder asked for an update on the electric buses in Stevenage and the 20mph in Walnut Tree Crescent as this was a private road.

Cllr E Buckmaster responded the electric bus scheme he would have an update to follow outside of the meeting, regarding Walnut Tree Crescent, enforcement would not take place but it was within the scheme.

Cllr Alder pointed out the dementia strategy which should be inclusive and not just online. *Cllr E Buckmaster* stated this would be completed to ensure it is inclusive.

- District Councillor A Alder, had no further update as waiting for the April meetings to take place.
- District Councillor R Buckmaster, updated street cleansing and waste service contract has a joint cross party working group servicing 124,000 households and 1,920 commercial premises and highlighted the 2025 food waste collection strategy.

Questions

Cllr C Chester asked regarding leaf clearance, *Cllr R Buckmaster* confirmed leaves would not be cleared until they have broken down and this policy had been in place for twelve years.

Cllr D Royle highlighted that laybys in Parsonage Lane and Spellbrook are particularly bad and 'Tidy Up Sawbridgeworth had collected 9 bags of waste. He also reported that schools were not happy with the food waste collection provision.

- Other Representatives –
 - Councillor Royle referred to his report
 - Councillor Furnace has written to the footpaths officer about the blocked drain and water not draining into the gutter and is awaiting a response.

- Councillor R Buckmaster SYPRC update, new kitchen is being fitted over the Easter Break. CCTV is booked for installation, discussed grants for car park resurfacing.
- A treasurer is needed for SYPRC
- RHSO, lawn maintenance was being completed this Sunday
- *Cllr A Furnace* thanked Corrine Lewis regarding her work in organising Tidy up Sawbridgeworth and remarked it was the best attended session.
- Councillor Furnace:
 - Thanked Cllr R Buckmaster and Mr and Mrs Mead for their work on the Wassail event.
 - Community Garden meeting has gone ahead with guest speakers who have encouraged and given ideas for a Sawbridgeworth project.
 - The film showing was a good event and further people are looking at joining the group for community gardening.

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UPDATE ON UKRAINE LOCAL SUPPORTING EVENTS

- Cllr Royle, updated on the previous Fridays Ukraine working party which was to clarify and coordinate
 - Continue with donations
 - Discussed twinning with a Polish Town to support directly
 - Awareness needs to be maintained.
 - Great St Mary's flag to be raised
 - Facebook group will offer help to families that will host refugees
 - Noted the visas were not coming through quick enough
 - CAB are keen to help

Cllr Royle presented the Mayor with Ukraine flag coloured tie

Cllr E Buckmaster added to the County update that a webinar will take place by the strategic migration steering group. They will be discussing the added pressures on schools and Ukraine Embassy will be supporting with translators and other support groups that will be offering help.

Questions

Cllr Alder stated that the Hailey centre will be welcoming over 55's

Cllr A Furnace asked if schools that are full would they be asked to make provision. All County related questions will be relayed via Cllr E Buckmaster.

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LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Resolved: request that the Clerk writes to East Herts District Council to highlight this resolution. The Town Council calls on East Herts District Council to put in place an East Herts Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for improving cycling and walking infrastructure in Sawbridgeworth and the wider area.

[prop Cllr Furnace sec'd Cllr Alder]

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SECTION 106 WEST ROAD ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY LAND

Deferred for future agenda due to ill health absence of the Clerk

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TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Deferred for future agenda due to ill health absence of the Clerk

- 21/133 TOWN PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT**
Deferred for future agenda due to ill health absence of the reporting officer
- 21/134 JUBILEE FOUR DAY WEEKEND**
Deferred for future agenda due to ill health absence of the reporting officer
- 21/135 DEPOSIT AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**
Noted: The Deposit and Consultation Documents
- 21/136 FINANCIAL REPORT**
Noted: The current Financial Report
- 21/137 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
Noted and Approved: Accounts for payment
- 21/138 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Keep Ukraine update

Meeting ended at 20.16hrs