



Eastwood Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held at 7pm on Monday 7th June 2021.

Present: Cllrs D. Bagshaw, S. Bagshaw, E. Benton, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, K. Boam, M. Radulovic MBE, and R. Woods.

Revd D. Stevenson.

D. Townsend (Town Clerk), J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

TC070621/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Foxall, Hannah, Sainsbury and Seagrave.

TC070621/2 Prayers

Prayers were taken by Rev. D. Stevenson.

TC070621/3 Variation of Order of Business

None.

TC070621/4 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs S Bagshaw and D Bagshaw declared personal interests in all matters relating to allotments, as allotment holders.

Cllr R. Bullock declared a personal interest in Item 8, as a Member of the Erewash Canal Trust.

TC070621/5 Public Speaking

Cllr D. Bagshaw gave an update on crime statistics for the local area. He reported that there was again no representation at the Meeting which was very disappointing. The recently appointed Sgt. for the area had still not attended a Meeting, although she had been invited to every Meeting. It was also reported that they also hadn't attended a PubWatch Meeting for 18 months. It was felt that drugs was still a huge issue in Eastwood and it was requested that the Clerk invite the Sgt. to the next Meeting, copying in the Inspector.

Cllr Radulovic (BBC) reported that there were a lot of issues in Eastwood, particularly concerning the roads (including potholes and traffic calming on Nottingham Road), and also the street furniture, railings etc were in a very poor state. He added that he would be asking Nottinghamshire County Council to carry out a full audit and inspection of the Town, to include the matters raised above. He added that the Town Council had always had a very good relationship with the County Councillor for Eastwood and welcomed the opportunity to work with the newly elected representative for the best outcomes for Eastwood. Cllr Radulovic also announced that a new Welcome Back Fund would be announced, and there may be an opportunity to bid for revenue funding for identified projects. He also reminded Cllrs to attend the Boundary Review presentation and reported on the launch of the Constituency Boundary Review.

Cllr D. Bagshaw (BBC) reported that he was dealing with pigeon mess on Mansfield Road adjacent to Mansfield Road which was becoming a hazard.

TC120421/6 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE

TC070621/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting on Monday 17th may 2021.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

TC070621/8 To note and accept the recommendations of the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Arts and Events Committee Meeting on 26th May 2021.

RESOLVED to note and accept the recommendations of the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Arts and Events Committee Meeting of 26th May 2021.

TC070621/9 To Confirm and Agree June 2021 Income and Payments.

RESOLVED that all income and payments be noted and agreed (attached at Appendix A to the Minutes).

TC070621/10 Consideration of Accounts to 31st May 2021 and Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED that the year-end accounts and bank reconciliation as submitted be agreed.

TC070621/11 Levelling-Up Agenda Bid for Eastwood

The Chair, Cllr S. Bagshaw stated that she was very disappointed with the report that had been circulated by Broxtowe Borough Council (as the Bid was not completed), and it appeared that the items raised and agreed by public consultation and put forward by Eastwood Town Council had not been included. A robust discussion then took place where disappointment in this Bid was expressed. Examples were given of money available to other Towns in the Borough, and it was felt that Eastwood were not being given the same opportunities.

RESOLVED that a further Meeting of Eastwood Town Council be arranged on 14th June 2021 to consider the final Bid to be submitted, and whether this submission be supported.

TC070621/12 Noticeboards

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtain quotes for a new noticeboard for outside the Offices and also looks at a location for a new noticeboard in the Hilltop area.

TC070621/13 Councillor Resignation

It was reported that Jayne Shepherd had resigned from the Town Council with immediate effect.

RESOLVED that the vacancy be advertised in line with current legislation.

TC 070621/14 Councillor Absence

It was requested that members of the Town Council consider non-attendance at Council meetings in accordance with the six-month rule. "As required by section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, where a councillor fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority, then they cease to be a member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved by, or on behalf of, the council **before** the expiry of that period."

The Coronavirus Legislation 2020 has no bearing on the above.

The Town Clerk advised that if Councillors did not attend Meetings for a period of six months, and the reason for absence was not approved within the six-month period, they must automatically cease to be Members. There was no opportunity to retrospectively agree that they remain, and any decision taken against this advice was contrary to current legislation and subject to legal challenge.

RESOLVED that contrary to advice given by the Town Clerk, any action against a Councillor not attending for a six-month period be suspended. All further incidents of Councillor non-attendance to be reviewed at the next Meeting of Council.

A recorded vote was requested;

In favour; Cllrs S. Bagshaw, M. Bullock, R. Bulllock, E. Benton, K. Boam, M. Radulovic.

Against; Cllrs D. Bagshaw, R. Woods.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

