



Eastwood Town Council
Meeting held at 120 Nottingham Road, Eastwood

Monday 12 March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor P Hamilton) in the chair and Councillors D Bagshaw, S Bagshaw, R Charlesworth, D Hallam, P Lippiatt, J Marsters, A Poxon, M Radulovic MBE, T Rowland and K Woodhead.

Also present: Mr A Sharpe (Locum Clerk), 7 Members of the public and 2 representatives of the Police.

TC/99/18 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors C Robb (illness) and C Thompson (work).

TC/100/18 Declarations of Interest

None.

TC/101/18 Notifications of Lobbying

Councillors D Bagshaw, S Bagshaw and K Woodhead declared lobbying in connection with the allotments.

Councillor J Marsters declared lobbying in connection with the Councillor vacancies.

TC/102/18 Notice of Vacancy

Members noted that the legal notice in relation to the vacancies on the Council had not attracted a request for an election to be called and Council would now look to co-opt.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/103/18 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 12 February 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

TC/104/18 Police Update

The police attended the meeting and gave an update on the following matters –

Crime Statistics

Staffing of the front office at Eastwood.

Response to letter sent by the Town Council to the Chief Constable.

A Member of the public asked about the crime statistics and the rise in sexual offences. It was confirmed that much of the rise was due to historic offence investigation and not current offences.

A Member of the public asked if the police took into account the age and profile of complainants when arranging to visit to take details. It was confirmed that the police did so and tried to ensure an appointment was made and that they did not just turn up without notice.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/105/18 Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked whether it was intended that a proposed meeting on allotments would take place. This was confirmed.

A member of the public asked when the public would be told about service issues at the Council and indicated that the public were looking to the future. It was announced that the Town Clerk had resigned and left the authority. This meant the Town Council did not currently have any staff in post and this had led to service difficulties that were now being addressed. Council would be considering options for the future appointment of staff.

The same member of public mentioned the improvement in the Town Centre shops and facilities over the last three years and asked if the Council would again consider blue plaques for two renowned persons. This had been discussed previously and declined. Council reiterated its position to be unchanged.

A member of the public raised the issue of potholes in the town, whilst questions were asked on the qualities needed to apply to be co-opted onto the Council to fill the current vacancies.

TC/106/18 Planning

Council received the planning report for March 2018.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/107/18 Allotments Update

Council received the allotments report for March 2018.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/108/18 Armistice Day

Council received an update report on the arrangements for commemorating Armistice Day in 2018. It was noted that there would be two services with the commemoration of the 1914-18 war service taking place in the summer months.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/109/18 Neighbourhood Planning

Members received an update report from Councillor R Charlesworth on the Neighbourhood Plan and the concerns raised.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/110/18 Town Clerk/RFO Updates

Neither the Town Clerk or RFO were present but in their absence Council –

RESOLVED that the report on insurance renewal and on risk assessments be approved.

TC/111/18 Reports from Town Council Representatives

None for this meeting.

TC/112/18 Matters concerning the Borough Council

None for this meeting.

TC/113/18 Matters concerning the County Council

The County Councillor addressed Members on a number of local issues including pot holes. He asked that a list of the worst areas be drawn up and submitted to him. He then answered questions from Members.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TC/114/18 Payments

RESOLVED that the payment schedule 11/18 be approved.

TC/115/18 Income and Expenditure Report

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure report 11/18 be approved.

TC/116/18 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following two items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

TC/117/18 Minutes

RESOLVED that -

- (1) The Personnel minutes form 19 December 2017, 23 January 2018 and 6 February 2018 be received.
- (2) The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 20 February 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

The Locum Clerk left the meeting at this point.

TC/118/18 Staff Matters

RESOLVED that the actions now agreed in relation to the employment of a locum clerk and other related staffing matters be approved.

(This is a public summary of a private minute)