



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Attleborough Town Council
Held on Monday, 2nd August 2021 at 7.00 pm
Held at the Town Hall, Queens Square.**

Present:

Cllr P Leslie - presiding
Cllr J Ellis Cllr L Grave Cllr J Francis Cllr S Marsh
Cllr T Taylor Cllr E Tyrer Cllr A Westby Cllr A Busk
Cllr D Lane Cllr A Smith

Public x 4

In attendance – Anne Willett – Clerks Assistant (minute taker)

041.21) Mayors Welcome – Cllr Leslie welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he had been at the well-attended event held on Queens Square on Saturday.

042.21) Apologies for absence -

Cllr Dale – Holiday

Cllr Montague – Unwell

Cllr Cousins – Unwell

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Tyrer, it was

RESOLVED - for an amendment to the apologies for absence

On the motion of Cllr Grave, seconded by Cllr Lane, it was

RESOLVED - to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Dale, Montague, Cousins but not to accept apologies from Cllr Crouch

043.21) Parish Poll Results –

- Cllr Leslie announced 58 people had voted in favour for 1st Question and 48 people had voted in favour for 2nd Question. This represented significantly less than 1% of the population but if the Parish Poll had taken place when it was called the turnout would have been significantly higher. There is no legal obligation for the Council to act on the result.
- After a discussion each Cllr stated whether they would or would not resign and explained their reasons. It was felt that if the majority of Cllrs resigned, there was no certainty the four remaining Cllrs would resign as well. It was better for Cllrs to stay and carry on progressing the Council forward than have it revert back. People vote with their feet if they are unhappy, the low turnout possibly meant residents were happy with the way the Council has progressed.
Cllr Taylor stated Question 2 of the Poll reflected the Town was still unhappy and needed to be acknowledged and with the amount of public money spent there needed to be some level of accountability. It would be lawful for the Council to consider making a Standards Complaint against those members that are accountable and a draft should be brought to the next meeting. If the draft complaint is approved

by members it will be made to the Monitoring Officer at Breckland Council for his consideration.

- On the first question Cllrs personal comments had been an indicative vote and no further proposal needed. On the second question Cllrs would review the Investigation Reports and Judicial Review.

On the motion of Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Grave, it was

RESOLVED - No later than October meeting a Standards Complaint would be brought to the Council for consideration against those Cllrs who were in breach of the principles, on basis of information of the Judicial Review. A draft would be forwarded to Cllrs to give them sufficient time to read before meeting. If the draft complaint is approved by members it will be made to the Monitoring Officer at Breckland Council for his consideration.

ACTION: PL

044.21) Declarations of Interest

a) To receive and consider declarations of interest in items below –

Cllr Tyrer – Item 11 – Poppy Appeal use of Queens Square

b) To receive and consider dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests –

None received

045.21) Public Participation - Resident's Questions

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the Mayor to address questions submitted from various residents. (See Resident's Questions Notes attached.) -

046.21) Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5th July 2021

On the motion of Cllr Westby, seconded by Cllr Taylor, it was

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council meeting held 5th July 2021.

047.21) Planning Matters–

a) Planning Applications –

On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Marsh, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the following recommendations already agreed and submitted prior to meeting.

b) Planning Applications

3PL/2021/1063/HOU – ATTLEBOROUGH: 40 Cedar Drive Attleborough - Single storey side extension to dwelling – No objections

3PL/2021/0825/F – ATTLEBOROUGH: Deopham Road Attleborough – Change of use of fenced pasture area to a secure dog exercise paddock, parking and fencing for use by members of the public on a booking system – No objections

3OB/2021/0034/OB – ATTLEBOROUGH: Former Grampian Food Site Buckenham Road – Application to modify the planning obligation 3PL/2015/0546/O Removal of the financial contribution noted in Schedule 2 accounting towards 15% of Affordable Housing Provision – If there is a reduction, more detail required as to why. With a 15% reduction benefit to developer, what was S106? Will there be any pro rata benefit to the community?

3PL/2021/1068/F – ATTLEBOROUGH: Still Waters Long Street – Replacement Dwelling & new garage – No objections

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Francis, it was

RESOLVED – No objections on 1st, 2nd and last one, comments as made on Former Grampian Food Site.

ACTION: PL

3CM/2021/0013/CM – ATTLEBOROUGH: Anglian Demolition & Asbestos Anglian Business Centre West Carr Road –

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Westby, it was,

RESOLVED – Cllr Leslie & Cllr Tyrer to correspond with Gt Ellingham and other neighbouring Parish Councils to find out more information and report back

ACTION: PL/ET

048.21) Councillor Reports

- Cllr Taylor and Cllr Smith had attended a SNAP meeting; this was followed by Cllr Taylor meeting with PC Andy London and other officers. The incidences of vandalism and anti-social behaviour were discussed.
- It is imperative all incidences are reported to the police, they had only received approx. 25% of cases and this didn't reflect a true picture of the amount of vandalism taking place in the Town.
- Grosvenor Park, London Road was particularly bad, there is a need for multi agencies becoming involved and not just the police. SNAP minutes are no longer produced updates are given at meetings. Communication and Partnership approach key. It was suggested an agenda item next month for SNAP meetings, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Smith to prepare the proposal.

ACTION:TT/AS

049.21) Financial Matters

a) To authorise payments –

On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Smith, it was

RESOLVED to accept and approve the following payment list dated 2 August 2021 Total £5,506.22

b) To agree direct debits –

On the motion of Cllr Westby, seconded by Cllr Francis, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the direct debit list dated August 2021 Total £24,751.37

c) To receive Income –

On the motion of Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lane, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the income list for July 2021 Total £22,154.13

d) Petty Cash payments – Noted for information

050.21) Correspondence

a) Cllr Lane proposal to use Town Hall for Book Sale –

On the motion of Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Grave, it was

RESOLVED – an amendment to the proposal to approve six members who volunteered to form a working group.

On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Marsh, it was

RESOLVED – to accept and approve use of Town Hall for Book Sale.

b) Town Trails –

Cllr Lane outlined her proposal which had included speaking with the Heritage Group who already had some Trails. Cllr Leslie invited Cliff Amos to speak who explained the idea had originally been Attleborough Partnership in conjunction with Town

Council but for several reasons never progressed. The heritage Group was set up resulting in booklets being produced and over 1,000 sold.

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Francis, it was

RESOLVED - to set up an Events Sub Committee with Terms of Reference ready for September Council meeting.

On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Ellis, it was

RESOLVED – to set up a Working Group to start project, then get help & advice from the Community and have two Trails available by end of September.

ACTION: DL/TT

On Cllr Taylor’s suggestion, Cllr Leslie asked that it be noted in the minutes that in future any proposal from Cllrs become an agenda item in their own right

c) Queens Square & the Community –

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Taylor, it was

RESOLVED – the Town Council explore the covenants on Queens Square and if appropriate hand to the new sub-committee to assist in creating a proposal for change.

On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Leslie, it was

RESOLVED – we accept in principle the proposals in 10c) providing due diligence is carried out beforehand.

d) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 –

On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Grave, it was

RESOLVED – this will be assigned to the new Events sub-committee but in the meantime start to prepare and make enquiries.

ACTION: DL

Cllr Leslie changed Order of Business for Item 10g)

g) Tennis Court proposal –

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Taylor, it was

RESOLVED – to make an amendment that in principle we agree the proposal on the reception of two alternative quotes to get best value for the Council.

On the motion of Cllr Francis, seconded by Cllr Grave, it was

RESOLVED - to accept and approve both proposals with amendment

ACTION: JF

e) Resident concerns regarding health & Safety issues –

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Taylor, it was

RESOLVED - to obtain resident’s permission to forward their letter to Norfolk County Council, Highways and state we support resident’s comments

f) 1st Attleborough Scout Group to plant trees for Queen’s Canopy –

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Westby, it was

RESOLVED – Gaymers Meadow would be a suitable site

051.21) Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

- Standing Orders will be ready for Policy Sub-Committee in September

Cllr Tyrer left the meeting for the following item

- Request from Poppy Appeal to use Queens Square in September to hold “recruitment drive” to sign up collectors for this year’s Poppy Appeal.

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Ellis, it was
RESOLVED – to discuss this item

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Westby, it was
RESOLVED – to approve and accept Poppy Appeal request.

052.21) Public Participation (10 Minutes)

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the Mayor to address questions submitted from various residents. (See Resident's Questions Notes attached.)

Meeting closed 9.40pm

Public Participation 1st Section

- A resident commented there had been a lot of damage caused to the Council in the past, but the four new Cllrs that had been elected showed the potential out there. There was a need to remove the dead wood that should have been removed a long time ago.

Public Participation 2nd Section

- Resident wanted to clarify he wasn't being critical of the Town Council when he spoke regarding the Town Trail. Also he had been the resident contact for Gaymers Meadow and had been responsible for clearing the orchard, taking all the trees out but left some trees for historic reasons.
- Resident queried newsletter but no update at the moment.