

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9AN held on **Zoom** at 19:00 on **Monday 26 October 2020**.

Those present

Cllr Angela Alder
Cllr Eric Buckmaster
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster
Cllr John Burmicz
Cllr Craig Chester

Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr Peter Gray
Cllr Dinesh Patel
Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr David Royle

In attendance:
Chris Carter – BS Independent

R Bowran - Town Clerk
6 Members of the Public

Welcome by the Town Mayor followed by Thought for the Day in which she remembered the five civilians who were killed in the bomb attack on 20 October 1940 on the Cambridge Road. She thanked the BS Independent for their coverage in the press.

20/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted from Cllr Coysten - unwell

20/88 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

20/89 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive and respond to questions from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Town Council

Mr Roger Beeching noted that after thirteen and a half years in post this was the last full council meeting that would be managed by the retiring Town Clerk. He gave a brief eulogy highlighting the key milestones of the Clerk's tenure.

Miss Abi Roberts asked for the council's endorsement of her proposal to organise front garden carols on Christmas eve.

Mrs Louise Roberts commented by Chatbox that 40 minutes was too long for people to stand in their gardens

Cllr John Burmicz echoed the remarks made by Mr Roger Beeching.

20/90 MINUTES

Resolved To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 28 September 2020
[prop Cllr R Buckmaster; secd Cllr Chester]

To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

20/91 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 September 2020 (P07)

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2020 (P08)

20/92 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STAP COMMITTEE

Received and noted: Version 2 of the draft minutes of the Economic Development and STAP Committee held on 19 October 2020 (E02A)

20/93 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

To receive the Mayor's report. In addition:

- Attended Hertfordshire Forward Webinar on 21 October – subject sustainability

20/94 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

To receive representatives reports from:

- County Councillor E Buckmaster in addition:
 - Bell Street drainage works are in hand
 - Bullfields Grasscrete will be installed 12-16 November
 - Double Yellow lines at Three Mile Pond will be installed in November together with some siding out.
 - Fairway TRO will be issued in November for works to be carried out in Spring 2021
 - Burnside TRO to be issued in November
 - FP27 to be worked on between 02 and 06 November
 - Knight Street town signs are on order
 - Town Twinning signs are on order
 - School Lane engagement will be soon
 - Comment that Bell Street is very dark – will be put into the budget for 3 more lamps
 - 20's Plenty campaign, supportive but how it is to be monitored
- District Councillor Alder reported:
 - EHDC HR had written with all clerks about available training. Clerk said that he had not received any communication.
 - Governance committee were monitoring the progress of s106 agreements.
- District Councillor R Buckmaster in addition reported:
 - No DMC had taken place but will attend one next month
- District Councillor Burmicz reported:
 - Now a Reserve member on the Governance committee
- Hertfordshire Police are not permitted to attend a Zoom meeting as police policy but reported:
 - No major rises in crime compared with last year
 - Covid means extra patrols, no major issues in any location
 - Operation Amang warns about thefts from vehicles at gyms and swimming pools
 - Mini police activities are suspended for the moment
 - Thanks for liaison with council officers and staff
 - Will be escorting Father Christmas around the town on 12 December
- Other Representatives
 - Cllr Royle - Footpaths; Schools; Town Twinning and in addition:
 - Town Twinning Zoom meeting with Moosburg was attended by 20 people.
 - Cllr R Buckmaster – RHSO; SYPRC and in addition;
 - There would be an apple juice stall in bell Street before Christmas
 - Youth Connexions had held an additional meeting.
 - Cllr Alder reported that the Hailey Centre was now open although with limited numbers able to attend.

- 20/95 OFFICERS REPORTS**
To receive Town Clerk's report for the month of October 2020 and in addition reported arrangements for Remembrance Day
- 20/96 DEVOLUTION AND RECOVERY**
There was no further update on the Government proposals, which was scheduled to be published in a White Paper in September, to force through a reorganisation of local government.
Clerk said he was attending a Clerks' meeting with the CEO of EHDC and an agenda item was to update the District and Borough councils' response.
- 20/97 TOWN BRANDING**
Resolved To note and approve the recommendations of the ED&STAP Committee for establishing a brand image for the town.
[prop Cllr R Buckmaster; secd Cllr Chester]
- 20/98 PAVEMENT PARKING**
To determine the town council's response to the consultation by the UK Government on our opinion about pavement parking.
Members to respond to the Clerk with their views and Clerk to respond to the consultation on behalf of the town council.
- 20/99 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**
There were no Documents for Noting and Consultation
- 20/100 FINANCIAL REPORT**
Noted: To note the current Financial Report
- 20/101 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
Noted and approved: Accounts for payment
- 20/102 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
There were no items for future agendas

Meeting ended at 20:05