

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9AN held via Zoom on Monday 30th November 2020.

Those present:

Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr Eric Buckmaster	Cllr Peter Gray
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr Dinesh Patel
Cllr John Burmicz	Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr Craig Chester	Cllr David Royle

In attendance:

Chris Carter – BS Independent
1 member of the public
Lisa Chaplin – Locum Clerk
Simon Crocker – Clerk elect joined meeting from 7.09pm

Welcome by the Town Mayor followed by Thought for the Day from Councillor Grayⁱ

20/103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Coysten - unwell

20/104 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

20/105 PUBLIC FORUM

Thanks to all involved noted from one member of the public with regards footpath 27. The drains and resurfacing were a great improvement.

20/106 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 26 October 2020 (M05)
[prop Cllr R Buckmaster, secd Cllr Alder]
There were no matters arising from Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

20/107 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 26 October 2020 (P09)

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on 09 November 2020 (P10)

20/108 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STAP COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The minutes of the Economic

Development and STAP Committee on 19 October 2020 (E02A)

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Economic Development and STAP Committee on 09 November 2020 (E03)

20/111 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

Item moved

Resolved: The recommendation of the Appointments and Appraisals sub-committee, that following an interview process on 20 November 2020, to appoint Simon Crocker as new Town Clerk with effect from 4 January 2021.

[prop Cllr Alder, secd Cllr E Buckmaster]

20/110 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Received and noted: The Mayor's report.

Further updates included items of correspondence received:

- Citizens Advice Bureau for future funding.
- Resident query on the telephone box possibly to be used as a community library, report that due to logistical issues the box was unable to be moved. Suggestion to defer this item until later in the agenda.
- Resident comment on Christmas lights looking lovely
- Resident asked what plans there are for foot and cycleways on West Road
- Canal & River Trust regarding incident of resident falling in due to the bank being in a poor state, the area does not feature in the 10-year maintenance plan and this will be looked into.

Mayor has attended the East Herts Climate Change Forum and the Herts Diversity event – updates and webinar on these events available on the website.

Office closed noon 24th December reopen on 31st December and then again on Monday 4th January 2021.

Sawbobus not operational 28th, 30th December and 1st January 2021.

20/112 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Received and noted: To receive representatives reports from:

- County Councillor E Buckmaster, in addition
 - 55 food boxes funded from locality budget
 - Updates noted work on footpath 27 and on “grass concrete” verges along Bullfields had been completed
 - Footways resurfacing ordered for The Orchards and New Street
 - Sawbridgeworth South East Quadrant 20mph limit to be implemented as only three objections received
 - Gulley reporting has been updated and streamlined
 - Burnside TRO about to be issued for double yellow lines, and a consultation will take place soon for School Lane

- A one-way system is still being considered for Sheering Mill Lane depending on a safety report
- Safeguarding children report would be forwarded with background information
- Bell Street pavement now has a better footway following resurfacing. Challenges remain with the tree stump and increased amount of fly tipping on the London Road
- District Councillor Alder
 - Difficult decisions would be needed in the near future on savings with the announcement of £4million of savings to be made in East Hertfordshire. It was not clear at this stage how this would affect the Town Council.
 - The Hailey centre would be reopening on Wednesday 3rd December serving socially distanced lunches, pre-booking was required and numbers were limited.
- District Councillor R Buckmaster
 - The homeless properties referred to in her report were confirmed to be located in Hertford and Ware.
 - The cycle rack had been visited and assessed and it was hoped that the suggestion to move the rack to access the top rack would be progressed.
 - Noted that the Christmas in the Bag drop off deadline for collections was Friday 4th December
- District Councillor Burmicz
 - Expressed regret at the lack of engagement on green matters or any reference to making site SAWB4 carbon neutral was a missed opportunity
- Hertfordshire Police
 - No report but confirmation that the next meeting was advertised on OWL and was 1 December 2020.
- Other Representatives
 - Cllr Royle - Footpaths; Schools; Town Twinning; Nothing to add to circulated report.
 - Cllr R Buckmaster – *RHSO*; *SYPRC*
 - Noted Juice Stall on 12 December 9am -1pm

20/113 OFFICERS REPORTS

Received and noted: The Town Clerk's report for the month of November 2020

Cllr R Buckmaster expressed disappointment about communications on the route and details of Father Christmas information. It was confirmed details were online and the link would be sent to all Councillors.

20/114 DEVOLUTION AND RECOVERY

To provide an update on the Government proposals, which is delayed from publication scheduled to be in a White Paper in September, to force through a reorganisation of local government.

Item was deferred to a later date requested to be left on agenda

20/115 TOWN BRANDING

Received and noted: The recommendations of the ED&STAP Committee for noting the meeting to establish a brand image for the town.

20/116 PISHIOBURY PARK

Good progress has been made and it may well be at the final stage. Action now rests with East Herts District Council officers.

20/117 EASTERN AREA GROWTH AND TRANSPORT PLAN.

To consider the town council's response to the EATP put forward by Hertfordshire County Council. It was agreed that as the deadline for the consultation was the end of January 2021 more information would be gathered and a steering group would be called via Zoom for those councillors interested, looking at specific local measures.

20/118 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Consultation noted and discussed at item 20/117

- EGTP – Eastern Area Growth and Transport Plan – consultation closes 31 January 2021

20/119 FINANCIAL REPORT

Received and noted: The current Financial report

20/120 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Noted and approved: Accounts for payment

20/121 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Air quality monitoring added by the Mayor

ⁱ WHAT is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare? —

No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,
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