

SAWBRIDGEGWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 7.30 pm on **Monday 24 February 2020**.

Those present

Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr Eric Buckmaster	Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr Spencer Richards
Cllr John Burmicz	Cllr David Royle
Cllr Craig Chester	

In attendance:

6 members of the public	Chris Carter – BS Independent
R Bowran - Town Clerk	Joanne Sargant – Town Projects Manager

Welcome by the Town Mayor

Prayers were said by the Mayor and were followed by one minute's silence to mark the passing of former mayor John Clitheroe.

19/139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Coysten – personal event and Cllr Patel – personal commitment.
Cllr Gray was absent.

19/140 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest by Members.
There were none.

19/141 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Town Council.
There were none.

19/142 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 27 January 2020 (M07)
[prop Cllr Richards; secd Cllr R Buckmaster]

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

19/143 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and Noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 27 January 2020 (P13)

Received and Noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2020 (P14)

19/144 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Received and Noted: The draft minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 February 2020 (A11)

- 19/145 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**
Resolved: To appoint Cllr Rattey to the Economic Development and Sawbridgeworth Town Action Plan Committee.
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Burmicz]
- Resolved:** To appoint Cllr Richards to the Amenities Committee.
[prop Cllr Royle; secd Cllr Furnace]
- 19/146 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE**
Resolved: Following the resignation of Steven Jones from the town council. To appoint Cllr Richards as the town council Representative to serve on the management committee of the Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall Trust charity.
[prop Cllr E Buckmaster; secd Cllr R Buckmaster]
- 19/147 NOMINATION OF A MAYOR-ELECT**
Resolved: To nominate Cllr Annelise Furnace as mayor-elect for the civic year 2020-21 who will, if confirmed by a vote at that meeting, take office as Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the council to be held on 18 May 2020. *[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr R Buckmaster]*
- 19/148 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**
Received and Noted: Mayor's appointments and communications.
- Thank you notes from recipients of council grants made in January.
 - 31 Jan; attended Harlow Mayor's Quiz Night
 - 07 Feb; attended Essex Wing ATC presentation evening
 - 10 Feb; attended Steering Group meeting for SAWB4 from Countryside Properties
 - 14 Feb; attended F&B school for Young Town Designers morning
- 19/149 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**
Received and Noted: Representatives reports from:
- County Councillor E Buckmaster who in addition reported;
 - County had now set their council tax at 3.99% increase
 - Sustainability strategy would be set within a month or so
 - Herts bus network, ANPR enforcement of bus lanes
 - District Councillor Alder reported;
 - Attending HR committee on 12 Feb
 - Attending ModGov training on 20 Feb
 - District Councillor R Buckmaster
 - District Councillor Burmicz
 - Hertfordshire Police reported in absentia
 - Low crime rate in Sawbridgeworth
 - Working in partnership with STC on the ASB agenda.
 - Temporarily covering High Wych village
 - Other Representatives & Champions
 - Cllr Royle – Dep Mayor, Schools and Footpaths
 - Cllr R Buckmaster – SYPRC & RHSO
- 19/150 DISTRICT PLAN**
 To report on latest information relating to the following proposed developments:
- Gilston Villages [Ref: 3/19/1045/OUT]
 - Gilston and Eastwick Neighbourhood Plan being prepared
 - Land north of Sawbridgeworth (SAWB4) [Ref: 3/18/2735/FUL]
 To determine the response by the town council to the planning application. Members agreed that an extra council meeting

should be convened to establish a comprehensive response.
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Burmicz]

19/151 EHDC CORPORATE PLAN

Noted: The contents of the EHDC Corporate Plan and discuss any implications for the town, our Action Plan and the Eco audit.

- It was emphasised that this was a framework expressing ambitions and visions.
- There would be options to respond to the plan.
- It had been pointed out to EHDC that Bishops Stortford and Hertford are not the only towns in East Herts.

19/152 OFFICERS REPORTS

Received and Noted: The officers' reports:

- Town Clerk in addition reported;
 - Blue plaque to Sir Arthur Cutforth now in place, official unveiling to be arranged.
 - Sawbobus has major gearbox failure
 - Installation of EV charging points being chased with EHDC
 - Grant application to Pocket Parks was unsuccessful
- Town Projects Manager in addition reported;
 - Seeking clarification from EHDC licencing officer as to market requirements.

19/153 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Noted: Documents for Noting and Consultation.

- Draft Gilston Area Charter Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This an attempt to produce a consistent and seamless co-ordinated framework.

19/154 FINANCIAL REPORT

Noted: The current Financial Report.

19/155 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Noted and Approved: Accounts for payment.

19/156 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas.

- Hertford Train Strategy – the walking and cycling strategy to be taken into consideration
- SAWB4 response.

Meeting closed at 20:42