

# SAWBRIDGEWORTH 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 27 April 2015**.

### Those present

Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Will Mortimer
Cllr Eric Buckmaster – Town Mayor	Cllr Tom Reeks
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr Spencer Richards
Cllr Pat Coysten	Cllr Joyce Vincent
Cllr Derek Filler	Cllr Andrew Wincott

### In attendance:

PCSO Paul Weston – Herts Police	Michael Jarvis – H&E Observer
PCSO Matt O’Shea – Herts Police	One Member of the Public
R Bowran - Town Clerk	

Welcome by the Mayor, prayers were read by Cllr Ruth Buckmaster

### 14/176 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Barry Hodges and Cllr Peter Mitchell – both on holiday.

### 14/177 PUBLIC FORUM

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

### 14/178 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

### 14/179 MINUTES

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 30 March 2015 (M11)  
*[prop Cllr R Buckmaster; Secd Cllr Reeks]*

### 14/180 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Received and noted:** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on:

- 30 March 2015 (P19)
- 13 April 2015 (P20)

### 14/181 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To note and Resolutions made at the Annual Town Meeting held on 13 April 2015. There were none.

**14/182 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive the Mayor's appointments and communications

- Letter received from Gary Hanson thanking the council for a grant
- Thanks given to all councillors for their term in office and to the council staff who have supported them
- Best wishes to Cllrs Mitchell, Vincent and Wincott who were not standing for election to the new council.
- Attended Congregational Church's Easter Egg hunt
- Attended two St Georges day parades
- Attended Friends of Pishiobury Park AGM, mixed feelings about the presence of cattle, talk of it becoming a local nature reserve and noted a new carved sculpture in the picnic area.
- Hosted Civic Awards and the distribution of Mayors Fund – £4,000 to Youth Create
- There will be a Garden Party on 10 May in aid of the Town Twinning Association.
- There will be a lighting of the town beacon at 21:32 hrs on 08 May to mark VE Day
- May Fayre is on Sunday 03 May on and around Fair Green.
- The CEO of EHDC, George A Robertson, is retiring after the May election. The recruitment process is in place and it is expected that a replacement will be in post by October 2015.

**14/183 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

To receive representatives reports from:

- Hertfordshire Police PCSO Paul Weston reported:
  - Youngsters throwing stones at cattle in Pishiobury Park, also strong smells of cannabis.
  - Preparations for low level policing at May Fayre on 03 May
  - Crime levels stay low as reported previously
  - No further progress has been made on the cemetery break-in.
  - The Mayor complimented officers on their Operation STOMP
  - Mr Norman Manion advised that he was receiving unsolicited calls at night from Neighbourhood Watch and asked for them to be discontinued.
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**14/184 CLERK'S REPORT**

To receive and note the Clerk's report

- Staff Arrangements. Tracey Dobinson is recovering from her knee replacement operation. Terry Wilson is covering her shifts on Sawbobus.
- Election 2015. Members will be aware that there are 15 valid nominations for the town council election scheduled for 07 May. This means that there will be a poll and the 12 candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to form the new council.
- Town Cemetery. Major maintenance works are planned at the cemetery on week commencing 11 May. This includes tree surgery work and relaying the pea shingle over the road ways. For safety reasons the cemetery will be closed to vehicular traffic

for the first three days of that week.

- Town Green. Topographical and detailed Tree surveys have been commissioned. This is the first stage of further consultations with the District Council.
- Town Sign. Has now been erected and installed along with the new planting scheme for the London Road planter. Funding for this has been entirely met by grants from HCC and EHDC. We have received much unsolicited praise for the outcome. Concern had been expressed about the location of the annual Christmas Tree. Clerk reassured Members that provision had been made for its installation in the same place as in previous years.
- CCTV. Mobile camera is being set up on Friday 01 May to monitor exit from car park and part of Bell Street.

**14/185 OPINION 2015 – SURVEY RESULTS**

This item was covered at the Annual Town Meeting on 13 April and so was not repeated, having already been reported in the press.

**14/186 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

- None received at the time the agenda was prepared.
- Consultation from Hertfordshire Highways a proposed waiting restrictions by the use of Double Yellow Lines in Leat Close; Duckling Lane; Fair Green; The Orchards and Bullfields near Northfield Road.

**14/187 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Noted:** The current Financial Report

**14/188 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**Noted and Approved:** Accounts for payment

Meeting was closed at 19:55