

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council held by Zoom conference at 18:00 on **Monday 29 June 2020**.

Those present

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

Cllr Annelise Furnace
Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr Spencer Richards
Cllr David Royle

In attendance:

R Bowran - Town Clerk

Joanne Sargant – Town Projects Manager

Welcome by the Town Mayor followed by Thought for the Day, a poem by Kitty O'Meara¹

20/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Coysten – unwell and Cllr Patel – business commitment. Cllr Gray was absent.

20/25 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

20/26 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions from members of the public, submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting, on matters within the remit of the Town Council

20/27 MINUTES

After noting that reference to the report from Cllr Royle had been omitted from the minutes, and noting Cllr R Buckmaster's observation that the date for the Annual Town Meeting in 2021 had been set for Easter Monday, it was suggested that it be moved to Tuesday 06 April. It was then:

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 May 2020 (M01)
[prop Cllr R Buckmaster; secd Cllr Alder]

20/28 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 26 May 2020 (P01)

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15 June 2020 (P02)

20/29 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STAP COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Economic Development and STAP Committee on 26 May 2020 (E00)

20/30 FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 26 May 2020 (F01)

20/31 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 15 June 2020 (A01)

20/32 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Received and noted: The Mayor's report. In addition, she noted:

- Head at Leventhorpe keen to engage with Travel Challenge
- Making contact with the Brownies in Bry
- Made a video of town with Ben Wood of EHDC
- Written to Mary Portas, no reply as yet
- Sustainable Sawbo lanced
- Received a letter of congratulations from CAB
- Been lobbied by Whoosh! about the renewal of an access licence from EHDC

20/33 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

To receive representatives reports from:

- County Councillor E Buckmaster, forwarded earlier, in addition:
 - Replacement railings installed at New Mexico restaurant
 - Progress on installing double yellow lines in Three Mile Pond
 - Engagement date set for Sheering Mill Lane proposals
 - Central Sawbridgeworth 20mph zone, 750 consultation letters have to be sent out.
 - Awaiting progress on the new town signs
 - Awaiting public engagement on Bullfields No Waiting scheme
 - Held a Traffic Management meeting with Herts Highways, also attended by Cllr Royle and the Clerk, ARUP proposals form 2019 to be worked up to a proposal.
 - Q. Asked about a recent visit by our MP.
 - A. *This was not a political but a personal invitation*
 - Q. Asked about parking restrictions in Bullfields.
 - A. *Restrictions near funeral directors to give access, grass-crete to replace grass verges near Reedings school.*
 - Q. Asked why timings had been delayed.
 - A. *this has been inevitable as Highways managers must be involved in all progress.*
- District Councillor Alder
 - There had been no meetings and so had nothing to report.
- District Councillor R Buckmaster, forwarded earlier, in addition:
 - Reported litter in The Orchard to EHDC
 - Q. Asked about the District Plan update.
 - A. *Dates had not been published yet.*
 - Q. Asked about increases in car park charges.
 - A. *This is under discussion and there is no news yet.*
- District Councillor Burmicz
 - There had been no meetings and so had nothing to report.
- Hertfordshire Police
 - PC Marshall is holding a PubWatch briefing on 01 July
 - Priority setting meeting is being held on PWL on 07 July.
- Other Representatives
 - Cllr Royle - Footpaths; Schools; Town Twinning; and VJ Day
 - Cllr R Buckmaster – RHSO; resumed maintenance days on 05 July. SYPRC, hand sanitise installed. Playground re-opening, committee meeting next week.

- 20/34 OFFICERS REPORTS**
Received and noted: Officers' reports for the month of May 2020. In addition, the Clerk reported that the Sawbobus service would recommence on 06 July on three days a week.
- 20/35 SYPRC CONSTITUTION**
Resolved: To approve the additions to the Constitution of the SYPRC proposed by the management committee on 21 May 2020. These are the inclusion of a Mission Statement, the requirement for DBS checks and a change to the reporting limit for expenditure.
[prop Cllr Chester; secd Cllr Alder]
- 20/36 HERTS CC SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**
 To note the Herts CC Speed Management Strategy and consider the town council's response. It was pointed out that this was a strategy consultation and not a call for specific areas. Members felt that the council's views should nevertheless be represented. Clerk to draft a response.
- 20/37 SAWBRIDGEWORTH RETURN TO WORK**
 To note the current measures in place and being proposed for the social distancing and safety of people as retail and commercial premises are allowed to re-open.
- 20/38 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**
 There were no Documents for Noting and Consultation
- 20/39 FINANCIAL REPORT**
 Due to a family bereavement the current Financial Report has been delayed and will be circulated to members in due course.
- 20/40 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
 Accounts for payment were approved in the interim by agreement between the Chair of the F&P Committee and the Clerk.
- 20/41 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
 There were no items for future agendas

ⁱ And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.