

SAWBRIDGECWORTH 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 01 September 2014**.

Those present

Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Barry Hodges
Cllr Eric Buckmaster – Town Mayor	Cllr Peter Mitchell
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr Will Mortimer
Cllr Derek Filler	Cllr Joyce Vincent

In attendance:

PC Russell Jones – Herts Police	2 members of the public
County Cllr Roger Beeching	
R Bowran - Town Clerk	Mrs J Kenny – Town Projects Manager

Welcome by the Mayor, prayers were read by Cllr Derek Filler

14/58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Cllr Reeks – holiday;

14/59 PUBLIC FORUM

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

14/60 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

14/61 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 28 July 2014 (M03)
[prop Cllr Hodges; secd Cllr Alder]

To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda. There were none.

14/62 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and Noted: The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on:

- 28 July 2014 (P05)

14/63 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

The mayor congratulated Cllr Alder on her 60th wedding anniversary.

The mayor reported on the Civic Breakfast held to start the remembrance of the commencement of World War One. He thanked sponsors Budgens and the H&E Observer for their coverage.

events coming up:

- 12 -14 September. Visit to twin town Bry-sur-Marne
- 25 October. Mayors Quiz Night at Bullfields
- 06 September. Undertaking the Ice Bucket Challenge at Farmers market.

Announced that Youth Create were now in a better financial position due to a grant from EHDC.

Received letters from Herts Police acknowledging the council's expressions of thanks for their work at the May Fayre.

14/64 VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

Clerk reported that eight people had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the council. Copies of the candidates' statements had been circulated to members. Clerk explained the election process which will take place at the council meeting on 29 September.

14/51 REPRESENTATIVES & CHAMPIONS REPORTS

To receive representatives reports from:

- **County Councillor Roger Beeching** reported:
 - Grants totalling £3.650 from his Locality Budget
 - Grants made from his Highways Locality Budget and Proposals made for 2015-16
 - "100 Parishes" now established as a charity, STC have contributed to the information held
 - Progress being made on replacing street lights which are damaged or at the end of their useful life.
 - Cllr Alder asked about the collection of road side signs at Parsonage Lane. Cllr Beeching responded that it was on Highways list to attend to.
 - Cllr Alder asked for a footpath to be created to Spellbrook school from the south bound bus stop. Cllr Beeching responded that after investigation it had been deemed to be too expensive to execute. Cllr Alder asked for the decision to be reconsidered. Cllr Beeching agreed.
 - Cllr E Buckmaster raised the on-going issue of failed light in East Park. Cllr Beeching will progress.
- **District Councillor Eric Buckmaster** reported:
 - EHDC are holding a democracy week in October at Wallfields
 - The town council should do the same on market days from February 2015
- **District Councillor Will Mortimer** had nothing to report.
- **Hertfordshire Police PC Russell Jones** reported:
 - A drugs raid in Saffron Gardens working on information from the public
 - Little anti-social behaviour experienced over the school holidays
 - Safer schools campaign at four schools
 - Operation STOMP revived, kids helping vulnerable members of the community
 - The new CCTV system had assisted the police in investigating three crimes in August.

- **Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard Cllr E Buckmaster** reported:
 - Town Maintenance Days have now taken place
 - Friends of Pishiobury Park have held an archaeology day with 50 children attending
 - Orchard grass has been cut by Nick Mynott and the Town Ranger will be cutting the pathways.

14/66 CLERK'S REPORT

Received and noted the Clerks Report:

- **Farmer's Market** The August market was attended by 400 visitors despite extremely wet weather. We had one new trader. We considered not holding an August market but Members of the Amenities Committee decided that it should go ahead. The situation needs to be reviewed for 2015.
- **Town Centre CCTV** The installation is now complete and the images being recorded are well up to expectations. Chief Inspector Gerry McDonald and Inspector Chis Hunt are visiting the installation on 18 September. SYPRC and the Memorial Hall have both expressed interest in being included as an extension of the system.
- **Bell Street Conveniences** We still await the promised SLA from EHDC which is the precursor to further progress by them to release funds for the project. It is now four months since this was promised.
- **Town Green** There has been no further interaction with EHDC on this project since last month.

14/67 TOWN SIGN

Two prospective designs were shown and members initially expressed a preference for the larger shielded version. The Clerk was asked to make a full report at the next meeting of council. Debate on the location for the sign resulted in a preference for in the London Road planter if the Plane Tree is removed or at the exit from the Bell Street car park if it isn't.

14/68 SAWBOBUS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk presented a further paper on the future development of Sawbobus. Questions that were answered included clarification on the utilisation of the council's buses; the fail options; pricing strategy and publicity for the services.

Resolved: That the Clerk should acquire a second hand 4-6 seater Ford Tourneo disability vehicle and dispose of the council's Ford Transit Connect van, now eight years old.

[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Filler]

14/69 DEPOSIT AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

- HAPTC Annual Report

14/70 FINANCIAL REPORT

Noted: The current Financial Report

14/71 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Noted and Approved: Accounts for payment

Meeting was closed at 20:45