

# 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 19:30 on **Monday 26 September 2016**.

### Those present

Cllr Sotirios Adamopoulos	Cllr Don Hall
Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Will Mortimer
Cllr Eric Buckmaster	Cllr Heather Riches
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr David Royle

### In attendance:

2 members of the Public	
Cty Cllr Roger Beeching	Lisa Dale – Finance Officer
Joanne Sargant – Projects Manager	R Bowran - Town Clerk

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

### 16/73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from:  
Cllr Pat Coysten – On holiday,  
Cllr Mike Shaw – business commitment and  
Cllr John Burmicz – business commitment.

### 16/74 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest by Members.  
None received.

### 16/75 PUBLIC FORUM

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

### 16/76 MINUTES

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 05 September 2016 (M04)  
*[prop Cllr E Buckmaster; secd Cllr Alder ]*

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

### 16/77 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Received and noted:** The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on:  
05 September 2016 (P05)

### 16/78 FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

**Received and noted:** The minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on:  
12 September 2016 (F02)

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## MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

To receive Mayor's appointments and communications

- Finished his round of school visits and a visit to the children's centre and said he would be inviting school councils to visit the chamber.
- Attended Civic Service at Ware
- Attended rededication of St James at High Wych
- Participated in the visit to Bry-sur-Marne
- Involved with Sawbo Travel Challenge
- Visited High Wych pre-school
- Attended Tudor House blanket event
- Visited Congregational Evangelistic Youth Club
- Attended an assembly at High Wych school
- Noted that it was Reedings school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week
- Noted visit by Moosburg on 21/23 October
- Mayors Quiz night on 01 October.

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## REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

To receive representatives reports from:

- County Councillor Roger Beeching
  - Celebrated Hertfordshire Rio "Gold Rush"
  - 90% of Herts schools are rated as outstanding or good
  - The Herts child protection service has achieved national recognition
  - The traffic diversion from London Road is thought to have contributed to the recent accident on Vantorts Road
- District Councillor Angela Alder attended:
  - Training on Scrutiny in Coventry
  - Whoever active at Wodson Park
  - Evangelical Congregational church's service and regretted that only two members attended.
  - EHDC District Plan Executive
  - East and North Herts CCG AGM
  - Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny
  - Learned HCC will look more critically at major applications
  - Air Quality outcome by March 2017.
- District Councillor Eric Buckmaster mentioned:
  - Success of the area in the Olympic Games – result of the Performance for Excellence programme.
  - Bishops Stortford Green Parks
  - Finishing of the District Plan
  - 30/09 Housing Conference
  - 09/10 Hertford Theatre
  - 18/10 Planning Training
  - 25/10 Urban Parishes Conference
- District Councillor Will Mortimer
  - Had nothing to report.
- Hertfordshire Police
  - Were not present and had not left a report
- Other Representatives
  - EHAPTC - Cllr Royle reported:
    - Attending a meeting 20 September
    - Talk about the Gilston Garden Town
    - Air Quality Plan progressing
  - HAPTC – Cllr Alder reported:
    - Being unable to attend Finance meeting because

- of traffic conditions
- Hailey Centre – Cllr Alder reported:
  - Will be open on 01 October and looking to recruit more volunteers.
  - Cllr E Buckmaster advised of new volunteering service: *#teamherts*
- SMH AGM – Cllr R Buckmaster reported:
  - Chairman Peter Lee gave a good presentation of 2015 matters.
  - £50,000 in bank account
  - Solar panels already producing a pay back
  - New ethos that people now run their own events
  - AGM to be brought forward to an earlier date to make it more relevant to the immediate past.
- RHSO – Cllr R buckmaster reported:
  - New Steering Group formed
  - Town Council involvement in administration
  - Apple Day on 08 October

**16/81 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENING**

To discuss the councillor training evening held on 13 September, assess its value and receive feedback from participants. Those who attended gave the opinion that it was an event worth holding, bringing Members together and having useful debates. It was suggested that a repeat should be arranged for those who were unable to be present.

**16/82 VACANCY FOR MEMBER**

Clerk advised Members that the Returning Officer had received more than 10 requests for an election and that election day had been set for Thursday 24 November 2016.

**16/83 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Update from the report made on 05 September.

- Reported a letter from Rob Smith of Herts Highways in response to the London Road traffic chaos.
- War Memorial meeting with Abbey Memorials
- Meeting with EHDC head of service to discuss Bell Street conveniences delayed until October
- Progress on the acquisition of the Lordship of the Manor
- Permissive Rights licence for the Orchard in final draft form
- External Audit of the Annual Return for 2015/16 completed.
- Still awaiting grant funding from EHDC for the Sawbobus operation.

**16/84 TOWN PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Update from the report made on 05 September.

- Sawbo Travel Challenge produced a sea of green, but it was noted that there was much litter and dog mess on the routes
- Seeing It Through Event
- A core group is organising Apple Day

**16/85 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

To note receipt of any Documents for Noting and Consultation.  
There were none

**16/86 FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Noted:* The current Financial Report

**16/87 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

*Noted and Approved:* Accounts for payment

Meeting ended at 20:35