

SAWBRIDGEGWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the Zoom Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council held at 16:00 on **Monday 27 April 2020**.
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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 with a Thought for the Day.

19/163 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Patel – retail duties
Cllrs Coysten and Gray were absent.

19/164 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

19/165 PUBLIC FORUM

To respond to communications received by the Clerk from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Town Council. There were none.

19/166 MINUTES

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 February 2020 (M08)
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Chester]

19/167 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2020 (P15)

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 09 March 2020 (P16)

19/168 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STAP COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Economic Development and STAP Committee meeting held on 09 March 2020 (E05)

16/169 FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 14 April 2020 (F05)

19/170 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Received and noted: Representatives reports from:

- County Councillor E Buckmaster in addition
 - Closure of West Road 29 April for 3 days
 - Fly tipping at Age Concern

- New railings at New Mexico ordered, cost of £10,000
- New signs for traffic lights at junction of Knight Street and Station Road.
- ARUP development proposal under consideration but no available funding yet
- Proposed double yellow lines at Three Mile Pond could be extended in the future
- Consultations imminent for Sheering Mill Lane one-way, 20mph zone, Burnside double yellow lines, School Lane waiting restrictions and Bullfields and Fairway parking restrictions,
 - Q. Double yellow line at second corner in Sheering Mill Lane? A. Will be publicised on social media to ask for it to be done.
- Town Twining signs need final agreement with Clerk.
- District Councillor R Buckmaster in addition
 - COVID19 report at 19/171
- Other Representatives & Champions
 - Cllr Royle – Dep Mayor, Schools and Footpaths
 - VE Day poster to be circulated
 - Cllr R Buckmaster – SYPRC and RHSO
 - Small business grants for SYPRC, apparently one can be applied for.

19/171 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

To brief members on the latest information available on matters relating to the conduct of the Town Council:

- Hertfordshire County Council
 - Publishing regular updates
 - County wide; Team Help and Herts Help
 - Most roadworks postponed or delayed until May
 - Q. When will brown bin collections resume? A. Will try and find out.
 - Q. Can utilities work be accelerated?
- East Herts District Council
 - Retailers' grants £18.6m, other grants £10.1m
 - Operation Shield Of 580 people contacted, 404 said they did not need help. 69 could not be contacted and 10 had died.
 - Thanks to Cllr Rattey and Joanne Sargant for progressing with retailers and businesses.
- Market and businesses update
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- Conduct of council meetings
 - Will continue via Zoom
 - Q. Can recording be uploaded to web-site. A. JS to find out from Rubber Cheese.
 - Q. Now we have virtual meetings, has the Decision Group been discontinued? A. Yes.
- Sawbridgeworth Cemetery
 - Following ICCM guidance, police will be called to disperse gatherings.
 - Q. Are there more funerals than average? A. No, majority are cremations.
 - Q. How many have died of COVID19? A. Not possible to say as we do not have that data.

- Town and Civic Events
 - All events suspended for the time being. Will not be time to organise Fun-on-the-Field. There will be Christmas lights but no gathering of people.
 - Suggested that TRO's should be applied for in any case.
 - Unlikely that Town Selfie Walk / Travel Challenge will take place in September.
 - Meeting on 30 June to decide
 - Waiting for Government direction concerning Remembrance Day
- Sawbobus
 - Service remains suspended, minibus and driver offered to churches consortium to assist in distribution of supplies
 - Clerk to contact Jonathan Geal concerning this year's community transport grant
- Response to SAWB4
 - Town council's response submitted, estimated that it will be heard by DMC on 20 May.

19/172 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for Noting and Consultation.

19/173 FINANCIAL REPORT

Noted: The current Financial Report.

19/174 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Noted and Approved: Accounts for payment.

19/175 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas.

Meeting closed at 17:15