

# 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 25 March 2013**.

#### Those present

Cllr Barry Hodges – The Mayor	
Cllr Jane Adams	Cllr Derek Filler
Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Peter Mitchell
Cllr Eric Buckmaster	Cllr Will Mortimer
Cllr Pat Coysten	Cllr Tom Reeks

#### In attendance:

PC Russell Jones - Herts Police	
1 member of the public	Eleanor Patmore – H&E Observer
R Bowran - Town Clerk	Jo Kenny – Town Projects Manager

Welcome by the Mayor; prayers were read by Cllr Will Mortimer.

#### 12/163 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Wincott – business and Cllr Joyce Vincent – unwell. Cllr Brian Rochester was absent.

#### 12/164 PUBLIC FORUM

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

#### 12/165 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 12/166 MINUTES

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 25 February 2013 (M09) [*prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Filler*]

There were no matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

#### 12/167 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Received and Noted:** The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on:

- 25 February 2013 (P16)
- 11 March 2013 (P17)

#### 12/168 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**Received and Noted:** The minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on:

- 11 March 2013 (F04)

**12/169 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive Mayor's appointments and communications

- 04 Feb : Sports Assn Meeting
- 08 Feb : Essex Wing ATC presentation evening
- 18 Feb : Presentation of Rotary bench at West Road play area.
- 22 Feb : Hailey Volunteers lunch
- 26 Feb : May Fayre briefing by police.

**12/170 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

To receive representatives reports from:

- **County Councillor Roger Beeching** reported:
  - Being in purdah running up to elections in May
  - The scale of Herts CC operations
  - What the County Council does
  - The size of the county budget
  - The freezing of council tax
  - Gritters deployed on 77 occasions & still some salt stocks.
- **District Councillor Eric Buckmaster** reported:
  - EHDC had spent £30k on exercise equipment at Leventhorpe
  - Together with Cllr Beeching sat on Health and Wellbeing panel
  - Sat on CCG clinical commissioning group
  - Involved with emergency planning with Jim Farrier of Hertfordshire Resilience
  - Refreshing the Town Action Plan in an extra F&P committee meeting.
- **District Councillor Will Mortimer:**
  - Had no comments to make relating to town council business
- **Hertfordshire Police PC Russell Jones** reported:
  - Resources were being made available for the evening of May Fayre
  - Community speed watch now in the PCCC hands
  - Operation Agrarian had 20 incidents from vehicle stops
  - One arrest made for the supply of cannabis
  - 52 vehicles stopped at the Spellbrook speeding clinic
  - One serious breach of an ASBO and a 22 month custodial sentence awarded
  - Reorganisation of the neighbourhood team
  - Requested funding for a trailer would mean about two visits a week to Sawbridgeworth and a quicker deployment of resources.
- **Other Representatives**
  - **Cllr Angela Alder** reported a play scheme at Bullfields for 5 – 12 year olds would commence on 02 April and last for nine days.
  - **Cllr Angela Alder** reported that the Locality Patient Participants Group could report as part of the Health and Wellbeing group.

**12/171 CLERK'S REPORT**

Although the Clerk had nothing to report other than on matters contained on this agenda, he commented:

- County Cllr Beeching had offered funds for road sign cleaning
- On the revised no waiting plan for Station Road
- That although the town council had no statutory role in emergency planning, information would be provided to assist the district council
- In answer to a question from Cllr Beeching, reported that no update had been received from the EHDC enforcement officer relating to advertising signs opposite The Maltings.

**12/172 FARMERS MARKET**

Town Project Manager reported that EHDC will now grant us a monthly farmer's market licence. Productive meetings with the All About Sawbridgeworth (AAS) alliance of retailers will enable interaction with the market to create a community event. Publicity will be started with Jack FM and new stalls including plant and seed swapping will be introduced. Advertising for the farmers market had been commissioned with Heart Radio

**12/173 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

The Clerk reported that plans were now advanced for the revision of the Sawbobus "Guide to Timings" and the proposed Sawbobus 2 service to the local hospitals and outlying villages. Discussions had taken place with Princess Alexandra Hospital, the Rivers Hospital, the Duckling Centre and with the GP's Surgery. The services are scheduled to start at the beginning of May 2013.

**12/174 ALL ABOUT SAWBRIDGEWORTH**

Town Project Manager reported that AAS now had 341 "likes" on Facebook and was gathering momentum to promoter businesses in Sawbridgeworth. Claire Ramsbotham of Mark David Kitchens is the marketing lead, Heart radio is being used as an advertising medium and there is a proposal to hold a Conference Pear festival. Big issue on market days is a lack of parking and the introduction of a park and ride service is under consideration.

**12/175 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

- EHDC – Public Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), March 2013. Closing date 02 May 2013.

**12/176 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Noted:** The current Financial Report

**12/177 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**Noted and approved:** Accounts for payment

Meeting was closed at 20:41

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 29 April 2013 in the Council Offices at Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth.