

# SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

## MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

of the Meeting of Sawbridgeworth Town Council held at 7:30pm in the Council Chamber, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

### Those present:

Cllr Cllr Angela Alder	Cllr Fred Parr
Cllr Eric Buckmaster	Cllr Nathan Parsad
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster	Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr John Burmicz	Cllr John Rider
Cllr Craig Chester	Cllr Reece Smith
Cllr Annelise Furnace	Cllr Angus Wyatt

### In attendance:

Christopher Hunt - Town Clerk	Jo Sargant - Projects Manager
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5 members of the public

Welcome by the Town Mayor followed by thought of the day Cllr Angela Alder

### 22/161 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None Received

### 22/162 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interests.  
None declared.

### 22/163 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive and respond to questions from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Town Council.  
None Received

### 22/164 MINUTES

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the town council held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (M09).  
[prop Cllr Furnace; secd Cllr R Buckmaster]

### 22/165 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Received and noted:** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (P16)

**Received and noted:** the draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (P17)

### 22/166 FINANCE, POLICY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Received and noted:** The minutes of the Finance, Policy and Economic Development Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (F04)

### 22/167 TOWN ACTION PLAN AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Received and noted:** The minutes of the Town Action Plan and Amenities Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (T04)

## 22/168 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

To receive new Mayor's appointments and communications:

- Cllr Greg Rattey updated members on the events he has attended this month.

Q. Cllr Burmicz asked if he was correct that he had an issue at the Mothers Union Meeting

Cllr Rattey stated as he left a member of the public raised some concerns with him.

Cllr Alder thanked Cllr Rattey and she had been informed his presentation was well received and made people laugh at the Mothers Union meeting, which was a great asset he, as Mayor has.

## 22/169 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

**Received and noted:** Representatives reports from:

- County Councillor E Buckmaster  
Referred to his report and several projects he was working on were progressing.
  - Updated on the recycling centres and Hertfordshire officers are liaising with neighbouring counties to ensure there is cross border access for residents.
  - School admissions 100% applications were successful in getting a school they had chosen on a ranked list.
  - Thames Water are working on the drainage systems in the town.

### Question

Cllr Alder asked regarding the new yellow lines in Bullfields and are they finished?

### Response

Cllr E Buckmaster responded to say that there was a vehicle parked, not allowing the completion of the project and when staff return to finish the painting of the new double yellow lines and vehicles obstructing could be removed. The extent of the lines in Walnut Tree Crescent will be checked to assess if the correct length had been painted.

### Question

Cllr Furnace asked if there was any update on the no entry at Sheering Mill Lane Junction.

### Response

Cllr E Buckmaster has been chasing an update for this project and he has been reassured this was to take place imminently.

- District Councillor R Buckmaster  
Gave a roundup of the life of a district councillor for anyone who wasn't aware of the demands of the role. The committee's and training required was explained.
- Cllr R Buckmaster referred to her report and stated SYPRC are looking for a new centre manager.  
The RHSO are holding a Teddy Bears Picnic on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May at the orchard.
- Cllr Furnace wanted to raise awareness of the sustainable Sawbridgeworth stall at the May Fayre this weekend with clean air campaign materials being handed out to raise awareness.

- 22/170 UKRAINE SITUATION REPORT**  
Mr Royle had submitted a report and updated verbally that the war had been taking place for 400 days and raised awareness of hardships faced by Ukraine residents as the campaign continues.
- 22/171 TOWN CLERKS REPORT**  
The Town Clerk read the highlights from his report, covering the 18 months he had been employed in the role and the national and local demands and how these were met.
- 22/172 TOWN PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT**  
Reinforced the dates for the events for the year ahead.
- 22/173 DEPOSIT & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**  
Noted: The deposit and consultation documents
- 22/174 FINANCIAL REPORT**  
Noted: The current Financial Report
- 22/175 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
Noted: the accounts for payment.
- 22/176 A PERSONAL TRIBUTE FROM THE CLERK**  
The Clerk read a tribute to highlight the work and dedication Cllr Alder had given to the town after 60 years as a councillor or in a volunteering capacity for many Sawbridgeworth community groups who was now retiring from her position as Town and District Councillor.  
Cllr E Buckmaster also spoke and staff and councillors presented Cllr Alder with gifts to thank her for this outstanding achievement.

Meeting Closed 8:06 pm

Chair .....

Date.....