

Oundle Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council held on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 7.30pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle.

16.144. Apologies for Absence

- 16.144.01. To receive apologies for absence.
Cllr Fuller (personal)
- 16.144.02. To accept apologies for absence.
Accepted

16.145. Declarations of Interests

To receive and consider any declarations of interest from Members and Officers under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 35*)
(This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Council at this meeting.)

- 16.145.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
None
- 16.145.02. To declare any Other Interests.
None
- 16.145.03. To consider any requests for Dispensation.
None
- 16.145.04. To report any gifts or hospitality accepted over the value of £50.00.
None
- 16.145.05. To report any inappropriate gifts or hospitality offered.
None

16.146. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Full Council

- 16.146.01 PROPOSITION: *'To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 15th November 2016 as an accurate record.'* (*Standing Order 10c*)

- 16.135.04 It was proposed to amend this part of the minutes as the sentence does not make sense to "During the 3 day Inquiry the Inspector did a site visit to the field. Unfortunately, due to the long cross examination of all the Oundle witnesses by the barrister representing NCC the Inquiry will take a further 2 days, which will be held on 31st January and 1st February 2017. If any additional costs are required, this will have to be presented to the Town Council, as the original Solicitors fee was capped at £7,500+VAT and mileage. There may be a need to look at alternative funding to keep the solicitor engaged. Cllr Chapple to speak to Julie Grove." and to speak to Mr Boye.

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16.147. Public Participation from Interested Parties or Members of the public

For a maximum of 15 minutes.

Alex Haidar will be talking about Oundle Speed Watch.

Not present so a handout was tabled about Community Speed Watch asking for volunteers.

16.148. Consideration of Requests from Interested Parties

Some councillors expressed an interest in training and it was requested that they contact Mr Haidar.

16.149. Reports

16.149.01. Mayors Report

Cllr Chesser advised that the new Clerk Emma Baker will start on 3rd January 2017.

16.149.02. Police Report

It has been a bad month for crime figures with an increase, 1 theft of a cycle, 1 theft of a dumper truck, 4 shop lifting, 3 vehicle crimes, 4 burglary of dwellings, 1 anti-social behaviour, and 1 criminal damage.

Parking on Cotterstock Road near the school has been raised again as a safety issue. The George Pub have said parents could park there and walk to the school safely.

16.149.03. District Councillors Report

Apologies received from Cllr Vowles and Cllr Reichhold.

16.150. Signing & Sealing

RESOLUTION: *'that any two Councillors and the Proper Officer may seal any document required by law to be issued under seal on behalf of the Council.'* (Standing Order 14b.)

Proposed: Cllr Oakes

Seconded: Cllr Glen Resolved Unanimously

16.151. Town Matters

16.151.01. To consider comments on proposed double yellow lines on Cotterstock Road, Bellamy Road, St Peters Road and Lime Avenue, Oundle.

Proposed to accept yellow lines.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr N. Oakes

Resolved Unanimously

16.151.02. Update on Fletton Field enquiry.

Cllr Chapple gave an update on this. Thanks were given to the Oundle Open Spaces Group for all their work.

16.152. Financial Matters

16.152.01. To approve the Balance Sheet and Budget Report – November 2016.

Cllr Sparkes gave an overview of the balance sheet and budget report.

16.152.02. Payments for November 2016.

PROPOSITION: *'That the schedule of payments for November 2016 as*

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presented at this item are paid in the amount of £98,929.68 and that all related documentation and cheques are signed'.

It was agreed that the proposition should be amended to read "this item be paid up to amount of £98,929.68".

Proposed: Cllr Chapple **Seconded:** Cllr Sparkes **Resolved Unanimously**

16.152.03. To approve a grant request for £6,000 for the Youth Club.

Cllr Dainter gave an overview of the youth café. It is proving very popular especially with the changes at PWS. It was noted that this is not a grant but an allowance that should continue to be considered every year.

Proposed: Cllr Dainter **Seconded:** Cllr Ellis **Resolved Unanimously**

16.152.04. To consider and accept the recommended budget for 2017/18.

Cllr Sparkes advised the precept figure would be raised by 2% in line with inflation and that the final budget figures had not been decided yet, but would be worked backwards from the precept.

There was a discussion about the building projects in particular the new workshop for the maintenance team and Cllr N. Oakes asked to be included in this project.

16.152.05. As required by Scottish Widows it is noted that Debra Harper and Paul Piercy Hughes have resigned and should no longer be signatories.

Proposed: Cllr Peel **Seconded:** Cllr N. Oakes **Resolved Unanimously**

16.153. Planning Matters

16.153.01. To receive the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th December 2016.

Cllr Chapple gave an update on the meeting with Oundle School about their plans for a new swimming pool, complex and how this will impact on the town. Oundle Residents will be able to use the new facilities once completed. There was also an update given about Oundle Marina and the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan. There is also an application on the Riverside for 27 apartments.

16.153.02. To receive an update on the progress of the NP.

Cllr Chapple confirmed that he is in possession of the first draft of the plan. However there will be a meeting in January 2017 to look at the draft with the NP Group.

There was a request to circulate the first draft however Cllr Chapple felt it required more refinement before it goes to Council. Cllr N. Oakes was asked to join the group because of his technical knowledge.

A question was asked by the press about the Wharf signs. Cllr Chapple advised that ENC don't seem to be using the same criteria for sign application and that a meeting had been requested between OTC's Planning Officers and ENC.



16.154. Estate Matters

16.154.01. To receive the minutes of the Estate Management Committee meeting held on 6th December 2016.

Cllr Sparkes gave an overview of the minutes. There are continued discussions with the pre-school about their rent. A dish washer has now been purchased for the pre-school and will be installed tomorrow.

16.154.02. To accept recommended room hire rate changes from April 2017.

Cllr Glen gave an overview of the proposed leaflet which is a layout to be used for marketing purposes.

Hire rates had been discussed at Estates in depth and it was agreed to simplify the rates.

There would also be changes in the hire terms to ensure there was continuity.

9.14pm Cllr N. Oakes left the room.

9.15pm Cllr N. Oakes returned

Please note that in view of the special and/or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw (Standing Order 3c).

Cllr Chesser closed meeting Secoded: Cllr Chapple

16.155. Personnel Matters

16.155.01 Staffing Matters

Any decisions made are on a separate confidential minute.

After this section the meeting will be re-opened to the public.

16.156. Correspondence for Action

None received

16.157. Correspondence for Information

16.157.01 Youth in Northamptonshire Conference update.


16.158. Any Other Relevant Matters for Report

Cllr Chesser advised the feedback from the Christmas Market and lights had been very positive.

Cllr S Oakes was welcomed back on the council.

Cllr Peel wants it noted that there is nothing for 14 – 17 year olds in the town and that the Council should consider this.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.28pm

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Dated:.....