



Oundle Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 7.30pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle.

Members Present: Cllrs R Sparkes, V Chesser, J Hutton, D Chapple, N Oakes, P Peel, M Glen, and C Humphreys

In attendance: Emma Baker – Town Clerk
District Councillors J Vowles, and R Reichhold
Leigh Giurlando – Oundle Chronicle
3 members of the public

17.117. Apologies for Absence

- 17.117.01. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Oakes and D Fuller
- 17.117.02. To accept apologies for absence.
The apologies for absence were accepted.

17.118. 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.)

- 17.118.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
None
- 17.118.02. To declare any Other Interests.
17.128.01 Cllr Chapple is a member of the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.
17.128.01 Cllr Sparkes declared an interest as a resident of the village of Glapthorn.
- 17.118.03. To consider any requests for Dispensation.
None
- 17.118.04. To report any gifts or hospitality accepted over the value of £50.00.
None
- 17.118.05. To report any inappropriate gifts or hospitality offered.
None

17.119. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Full Council and Extraordinary

- 17.119.01. PROPOSITION: *'To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th October 2017 as an accurate record.'* (*Standing Order 10c*)
The minutes were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Chesser

Seconded: Cllr Humphreys

Resolved: 6 in favour
2 Abstention

17.119.02. PROPOSITION: *'To approve and sign the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Full Council meeting held on 7th November 2017 as an accurate record.'*
(Standing Order 10c)

The minutes were approved

Proposed: Cllr Glen

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: 4 in favour
4 Abstentions

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

For a maximum of 15 minutes.

A member from the Friends of Oundle Library asked that urged that the Council try to keep the library open with paid staff.

Leigh Giurlando from the Oundle Chronicle was disappointed with NCC and thought that it was shameful that they were considering closing the libraries.

Mayor informed everyone that there will be an open meeting on 23rd August for members of the public to come and see the information about the consultation and complete a questionnaire about Oundle Library.

A member of the public asked if the Council would consider arranging a litter pick. The Council congratulated the children who have been carrying out litter picks in Oundle for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

17.121. Consideration of Requests from Interested Parties

There were none.

17.122. Reports

17.122.01. Mayor's Report

Mayor's report was deferred to next meeting as there was a lot to get to on the agenda.

17.122.02. District Councillors Report

District Councillor report Cllr Reichhold reported that on the 8th November ENC met to approve progress on the master plan for the Tresham Garden Village. Yesterday the Rural Sparsity Group met to discuss fairer funding. A pilot is being implemented in the next financial year. The group has decided to focus on rural social care and health matters.

17.123. 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 Chapple

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: All in favour

17.124. Town Matters

17.124.01. To consider and approve the Town Council response to the proposed consultation on the Review of Northamptonshire Libraries.

It was agreed to postpone the formal response to the consultation until the Council receives more information.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr chesser

Resolved: All in favour



17.124.02. To consider response from members of the public to the possible closure of Oundle Library and to discuss the options.

The Friends of Oundle Library (FOOL) have met with Tom Pursglove MP to discuss keeping Oundle Library open. He is helping all the Parishes and Towns, that are affected in his constituency. The Mayor informed the meeting that he was going to arrange a meeting with Tom Pursglove to discuss the review.

The general feeling was that the Town Council should object to the library being closed and strongly challenge the decision. FOOL have obtained over a thousand signatures on the petition which shows how strongly people feel.

It was agreed that more information is needed before any decisions can be made.

17.124.03 To consider and approve the Town Council response to the proposed consultation from Northamptonshire County Council on the reduction in transport and highways services.

The consultations are to cut the Call Connect and County Connect bus services preventing people to get into the towns from villages for medical services and shopping. Some highway services will also be removed. Discussions arose around what types of cuts are being made and what the budget will be and the effect on our precept.

The Council members agreed that they objected to the services being reduced.

Proposed: Cllr Hutton

Seconded: Cllr Peel

Resolved: All in favour

17.124.04 To consider purchasing mobile flashing speeding signs to put up in Oundle.
Cllr Peel – concerned about speeding in the Town. We need to show the speed of the individual cars. Benefield Road, Glapthorn Road and Cotterstock Road.

Cllr Chesser informed the meeting that speeding is always an issue at the JAG meetings. It was agreed that we explore the cost and location of flashing speeding signs.

Proposed: Cllr Sparkes

Seconded: Cllr Humphreys

Resolved: All in favour

17.124.05. To consider request from a resident to organise a Town litter pick.

It was agreed that the Council resurrect the litter pick

Proposed: Cllr Chesser

Seconded: Cllr Chapple

Resolved: All in favour



17.125. Council Matters

17.125.01. To receive the Clerks monthly report.
The Clerks report was received.

17.125.02. To approve representative for the Data Protection Course that has been organised by Ashton Parish Council.
It was agreed that the Mayor attend with the Estates Officer.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple **Seconded:** Cllr Peel **Resolved:** All in favour

17.125.03. To consider and approve the Protocol for the death of a Sovereign.
The protocol was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Oakes **Seconded:** Cllr Chesser **Resolved:** 7 in favour
1 against

17.126. Financial Matters

17.126.01. To approve the Bank Reconciliation, Balance Sheet, Budget Report and Hub trading account for September and October 2017
Cllr Glen presented the accounts to the meeting. The accounts were approved.

Proposed: Cllr N Oakes **Seconded:** Cllr Chesser **Resolved:** All in favour

17.126.02. Payments for October 2017
PROPOSITION: 'That the schedule of payments for October 2017 as presented at this item are paid up and that all related documentation and cheques are signed'.
The payments for October were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Peel **Seconded:** Cllr Oakes **Resolved:** All in favour

17.126.03. To approve expenditure of £250.00 for registration to complete CiLCA Portfolio.
The Expenditure for CiLCA registration was approved.

Proposed: Cllr N Oakes **Seconded:** Cllr Peel **Resolved:** All in favour

17.126.04 To approve attendance of staff member on a Touch-typing course.
Attendance of staff member on the Touch-typing course was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Peel **Seconded:** Cllr Glen **Resolved:** All in favour

17.126.05. To approve staff training on Excel and Office 365.
The staff training was approved. The Clerk will arrange some suitable dates for training next year with Cllr Fuller.

Proposed: Cllr Glen **Seconded:** Cllr Humphreys **Resolved:** All in favour

17.126.06 To approve the expenditure of up to £360.00 for Royal framed images.
The expenditure was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Hutton **Seconded:** Cllr Chesser **Resolved:** 4 in favour
1 against



3 abstentions

- 17.126.07 To approve the expenditure for replacement Christmas Lights.
The expenditure to replace the Christmas lights of £2,765.00 was approved
Proposed: Cllr Glen **Seconded:** Cllr Chapple **Resolved:** All in favour

17.127. Planning Matters

- 17.127.01. To receive the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th November 2017.
The meeting minutes were received.

17.128. Neighbourhood Plan

- 17.128.01. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and to report on the proposals for the way forward.
We have some two volunteers who have agreed to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. A member of the public will be looking at Green spaces for the plan and another will be taking pictures of views in and out of Oundle. There will be a public presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan and recent NCC cuts in the Queen Victoria Hall on Thursday 23rd November.

17.129. Estates Matters

- 17.129.01. To agree to a volunteer setting up an Oundle Town Council Facebook page and to promote the markets and Town Events.
The Council agreed to the volunteer setting up an Oundle Town Council Facebook page to promote markets and town events.
Proposed: Cllr Peel **Seconded:** Cllr Glen **Resolved:** All in favour

- 17.129.02. To receive the notes from the Marketing and Communications Working Party.
The notes were received.

17.130. Correspondence for Action

None

17.131. Correspondence for Information

None

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).

Proposed: Cllr Chapple **Seconded:** Cllr Glen **Resolved:** 7 in favour
1 against

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

The meeting opened at 9.41pm

17.132. Finance and Personnel Matters

- 17.132.01. To receive an update on the accounting procedures review report.



An update was received.

17.132.02 Staffing matters.

The extension of two members of staff contracts was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr N Oakes

Resolved: All in favour

17.133. Any Other Relevant Matters for Report only

There were none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

Signature:..........

Dated:.....19/12/17.....