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MINUTES

Meeting of: **Town Council**

Date: **Monday, 8th July 2019**

Present: Councillors

Mrs	S.C.	Lager	(Town Mayor)
Mrs	S.	Ager	
	K.L.	Atwill	
	P.R.	Barlow	
	J.C.	Bayford	
	J.C.	Goodman	
	S.E.	Hicks	
Miss	C.	Jay	
Mrs	A.	Kilmartin	
	M.C.M.	Lager	
	C.S.	Livermore	
	T.A.	Pleasance	
Miss	M.L.	Weeks	
	R.	Williams	
	J.	Sheehy	(Town Clerk)
Mrs	G.	Kennedy	(Committee Clerk)
Miss	N.	Smith	(Assistant Responsible Officer)

29. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.P. Ramage and P.M. Ryland who had previous engagements.

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 3rd June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31. INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

32. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no member of the press or public present.

33. RESOLUTION MOVED ON NOTICE

A resolution Moved on Notice was received.

RESOLVED That under Standing Order 46(ii) the membership of Committees be varied as follows with immediate effect:

(a) Councillor T.A. Pleasance be no longer a member of the Policy & Resources Committee and Councillor P.M. Ryland be appointed in his stead;

(b) Councillor P.M. Ryland be no longer a member of the Environment Committee, and Councillor T.A. Pleasance be appointed a member of that Committee and serve as its Chairman;

(c) Councillor J.C. Goodman be no longer a member of the Estimates Sub-Committee and Councillor T.A. Pleasance be appointed in his stead;

(d) Councillor Mrs A. Kilmartin be no longer a member of the Youth Task and Finish Group;

(e) Councillor J.C. Bayford be no longer a member of the Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group and Councillor T.A. Pleasance be appointed in his stead.”

34. TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk’s Report on matters arising was received.

The Town Clerk explained that a detailed report was awaited from the contractors as to how the clock could be adapted so that it would be easier and more cost effective to maintain. Members agreed that the clock is a feature of the town and should be retained.

RESOLVED That the Report be received and noted.

35. AGENDAS AND MINUTES

A report was received about the printing and distribution of Agendas and Minutes.

The Town Clerk explained that until there is a firm consensus to go paperless it would be necessary to produce paper copies. Members can ask for paper copies and also for them to be posted otherwise they will be in their pigeon holes.

RESOLVED That the report be received and information noted.

36. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Mr Tony Bennett was received regarding his stepping down as the Town Council’s representative for the Children’s Centres and as a member of the Open Spaces Steering Group.

Members recognised that Tony had been passionate about the Children’s Centres and were very appreciative of all the work he had done on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED That the correspondence be received and noted; and a letter of thanks sent to Mr Bennett.

37. TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

Details of the Town Mayor's engagements were received.

The Town Mayor expressed her delight in hosting an evening with the Guides at the Town Hall, she said that they were intelligent and bright; and it had been a superb evening supported by the Town Clerk and her Secretary. It was also noted that she had attended Councillor S.E. Hicks Open Gardens.

Comment was made that the National Anthem had not been played at the recent Armed Forces Day at the District Council Offices and it was agreed to send a letter asking that it be reinstated.

RESOLVED That a letter be sent to Braintree District Council asking that the playing of the Nation Anthem should be reinstated for the Armed Forces Day.

Members were also informed that a student from Rickstones Academy had come third in the final of Jack Petchey Awards in London. It was agreed that the Town Mayor should send congratulations.

RESOLVED That a letter of congratulations be sent to the student on her success at the Jack Petchey Awards.

RESOLVED That details of the Town Mayor's engagements be received and noted.

38. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Community Committee Meeting held 10th June 2019

Minutes 1 – 16 (inclusive).

Councillor J.C. Bayford, Vice Chairman, gave the Report of the Community Committee en bloc.

RESOLVED That the Report be received.

(b) Environment Committee Meeting held 28th May 2019

Minutes 1 – 14 (inclusive).

Councillor J.C. Goodman, Vice Chairman, gave the Report of the Environment Committee en bloc.

RESOLVED That the Report of the Environment Committee be received.

(c) Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held 24th June 2019

Minutes 1 – 16 (inclusive).

Councillor M.C.M. Lager, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, gave his Report en bloc.

RESOLVED That the Report be received.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of interest of business on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

39. LEGAL ADVICE

A report was received.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

Councillor P.R. Barlow left the Meeting.

40. RIVER WALK

A report was received.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

41. PROCUREMENT

A report was received.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

42. COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

(a) Community Committee Meeting held 10th June 2019

Minutes 17 and 18.

Councillor J.C. Bayford continued his Report en bloc.

Minute 17 – Freedom of the Town

A recommendation was received.

RESOLVED That the recommendation be received and noted.

RESOLVED That the Report of the Community Committee be received.

(b) Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held 24th June 2019

Minutes 17 – 20 (inclusive).

Councillor M.C.M. Lager continued his Report en bloc.

RESOLVED That the Report of the Policy and Resources Committee be received.

43. PUBLIC DOMAIN

It was agreed that no item discussed in Private Session should be moved into the Public Domain.

RESOLVED That no item discussed in Private Session be moved into the Public Domain.

There being no further business the Town Mayor closed the Meeting at 8.56 p.m.

Councillor Mrs S.C. Lager
Town Mayor

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