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MINUTES

WITHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Date: **Monday, 9th May 2022**

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2FE**

Present: Councillors

A.	Kilmartin	(Town Mayor)
J.	Bayford	(Deputy Town Mayor)
P.	Barlow	
S.	Hicks	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
T.	Pleasance	
S.	Rajeev	
M.	Weeks	
H.	Andrews	(Deputy Town Clerk)
G.	Kennedy	(Committee Clerk)

230. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Mayor had the sad duty to report the death of Councillor Cliff Livermore. She paid tribute to his courage during his long illness, bravely borne. She asked that the Town Council's thanks for his loyal service be noted along with condolences to his daughter Lorraine and the rest of his family.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ager who had a previous meeting, Atwill who was travelling abroad, Goodman who had a previous engagement and Jay who was unwell.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

231. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of Town Council held 11th April 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

232. INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

233. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No member of the press or public were present.

234. ESSEX COUNTY AND BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

Essex County Councillors Derrick Louis and Ross Playle had sent their apologies.

Councillor Hicks, as a District Councillor, reported that Councillor Andrew Hensman had been elected to serve as the new Chairman of Braintree District Council.

235. TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

Details of the Town Mayor's engagements attended for period 12th April to 9th May 2022 were received.

The Town Mayor said that £200 had been received from Churches Together for her Charity.

RESOLVED That the details be received and noted.

236. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report on matters arising was received.

The Deputy Town Clerk said that Braintree District Council had applied for a Safer Streets Central Government Grant for extra CCTV locations in Witham. Members agreed to work in partnership with Braintree District Council and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex.

Councillor M. Lager explained that there had been a recent meeting with the District Council for improving joint working and devolution items were discussed.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

237. INVITATION TO AßLAR

An invitation was received from Aßlar for the Town Mayor to attend a celebration to mark the ceremonial presentation of the European badge to the city of Aßlar and partnership anniversaries with Jüterbog and St Ambroix-Fossato di Vico.

Members were appreciative of the kind invitation but as it was the Queen's Jubilee that weekend the invitation would need to be declined.

RESOLVED That the invitation to attend the celebrations in Aßlar be declined as it was the Queen's Jubilee weekend.

238. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Planning and Transport Committee held 11th and 26th April 2022**

Minutes 268 to 293 (inclusive)

The Town Mayor, as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Transport Committee gave a report of the Meetings en bloc.

RESOLVED That the Report of the Planning and Transport Committee be received.

(b) **Environment Committee held 26th April 2022**

Minutes 43 to 56 (inclusive)

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Councillor M. Lager gave the report of the Environment Meeting en bloc.

RESOLVED That the Report of the Environment Committee be received.

239. 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 consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A (S3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

240. LAND TRANSFERS

A report was received.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

There being no further business the Town Mayor closed the Meeting at 8.03 p.m.

Councillor A. Kilmartin
Town Mayor

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