

Whitchurch Town Council



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Minutes
Full Town Council
Meeting held on 17th March 2011.

1. Apologies and reason for absence: No apologies were received.
Members present: A.Chesters, P.Mullock, D.Ankers, T.Harris, R.Hewson, E.Fearnall, R.Leach, J.Stokes, P.Stokes, P.Walker, A.Vickers, A.Youngs, M.Winwood.

Officers present: Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk.

2. Chairman's Announcements.
Intension to vary the order of business on the grounds of urgency.
3. Declarations of interest:
None were received.
4. To receive a brief presentation from prospective council members. Presentations were received.
5. To co-opt two new Members, Cllr Walker and Cllr Chesters requested a signed ballot vote.
The ballot papers confirmed the following two members to be co-opted onto the town council.
Mr. Adrian Sedge
Mr. Gareth Vo Dinther.
IT WAS RESOLVED
That the paper ballot count confirmed both candidates are co-opted onto the council.
6. To suspend standing orders for the purpose of public participation.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To suspend standing orders.
7. Question received from Mr A.Smith, why did the town council vote for minimum housing.
Cllr Harris answered the question.
Cllr Walker presented the town plan responses to answer the question.
8. To reinstate standing orders.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To reinstate standing orders.
9. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2011 and sign as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To confirm the minutes of the above meeting and they were duly signed.

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10. Matters arising from those minutes: Cllr Hewson asked about progress regarding age concern, the clerk responded, Heather Osborne was asked to write and request the funding and to date we have not received any form of communication from them.
11. Correspondence received after the agenda was sent out.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To acknowledge that no correspondence was received.
12. To receive a report from the Shropshire councillor.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To receive Cllr Dakins report.
13. To receive written reports from member representatives of outside bodies.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To receive a written report from Cllr Harris reference waterways trust, no written report provided.
Cllr Ankers gave a brief verbal report. No written report provided.
14. To receive, consider and approve recommendations from Committees and workshops.
No recommendations were received.
15. To receive written reports from committee chairmen.
No reports were received. Cllr Chesters to provide a written report tomorrow.
16. To consider adopting the NALC standing orders.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To allow Members the opportunity to collect a copy from the office and read them before making a decision.
17. To consider an application for tree planting and associated costs.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To move this item to the parks committee for consideration.
18. To consider an application for funding from child reach.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To decline the request.
19. To consider an application from Beacon church for sharing the cost of room hires charges.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To move this item into confidential matters.

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20. To consider an application from Beacon church to hold an open air event in Jubilee Park.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To permit beacon church to hold the event in Jubilee Park. Cllr Hewson declared a personal interest, he is a member of the church.
21. To consider an application for funding from the towns women guild.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To enforce Cllr Chesters letter dated 28th February 2011.
22. To consider an application for funding from Whitchurch town twinning association.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To pay £400 to the town twinning and the money is to be taken out of the 2011/12 budget account.
23. To receive a proposal from Cllr Walker reference number. 00/47/2011
IT WAS RESOLVED
To adopt the town / parish plan.
24. To receive proposal from Cllr Walker reference number. 00/48/2011.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To adopt Cllr Walkers proposal and employ someone for four hours per month for the purpose outlined in the proposal.
25. To approve cheque summary and payment of manual cheques 104046 to 104075.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To approve the cheques for payment and sign the cheque summary.
26. To consider the terms and conditions applied to the transfer of public conveniences
IT WAS RESOLVED
To adopt the toilets in principle and contact Mr Brown and ask for financial help.
27. To consider an application for funding from the Samaritans.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To award a token amount of £100 to be taken from s137 grants.
28. To consider an application from the town band for funding to replace a bass instrument.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To wait for an official request letter from the town band, Cllr Leach is to chase this matter.

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29. To consider a proposal from Cllr Mullock reference number 00/49/2011.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To convert the 1st floor of the heritage centre into small start up office units and source funding from The revitalisation funding which may need to be match funded by the town council.
30. To consider a letter from Mr J.Tonkin reference 00/PM/123/2011.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To accept this as information only.
31. To consider a quotation from NWP to remove and make safe a damaged street light located in Thompson Drive.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To replace the street light damaged by a vehicle.

Emergency item 1.

It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Hewson to permit an emergency item (financial investment arrangement for the Harry Richards, Berrington and Frank Greaves account.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To permit the emergency item to be discussed and considered.

The investment arrangements were explained by Cllr Chesters for the above accounts.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the whole amount of funds held in each of the above accounts, in total for all three accounts equals £286,000 is invested with HSBC into the investment arrangement, for a term of three years, low risk investment producing a fixed annual income payment of 1 %, if the reading on this observation date is equal to or greater than the initial value of the basket then an additional payment of 4.50% will be added, this is considered to be a bonus payment.

Item 19, moved from the body of the meeting.

Cllr Hewson declared a personal interest as a member of the church.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To decline the request for funding support.