

Whitchurch Town Council



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MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY 2011

Prayer: Cllr P Stokes provided the opening prayer.

Retiring Mayor's Announcements: Cllr Chesters thanked his fellow councillors for all their support during the two year period.
He also thanked officers and finally Mrs Chesters.

1. To Elect a chairman of the Town Council.

Two nominations had been received and a paper vote took place.

Cllr Harris Proposed Cllr Mullock

Seconded Cllr Ankers

Cllr Leach Proposed Cllr Fearnall

Seconded Cllr Winwood.

IT WAS RESOLED That Cllr Mullock was elected Chairperson for ensuing year

2. To receive the chairpersons declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr Mullock signed the declaration of office and witnessed by the clerk.

Cllr Mullock thanked fellow officers and retiring Mayor for all their support.

3. To received apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Vickers another appointment.

Present:

Cllr Chesters Cllr Mullock Cllr Harris Cllr Ankers Cllr Hewson Cllr Winwood

Cllr Fearnall Cllr Leach Cllr Von Dinther Cllr Sedge Cllr Young Cllr Walker

Cllr P Stokes Cllr J Stokes.

6 members of the Public

4. To elect a vice Chairman of the Town Council

Three Nominations had been received and a paper vote took place

Cllr Young nominated Cllr Hewson

Seconded Cllr Winwood

Cllr Leach nominated Cllr Harris

Seconded Cllr Chesters

Cllr Ankers nominated Cllr P Stokes

Seconded Cllr Walker



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IT WAS RESOVED:

Cllr Hewson was elected vice chairperson for the ensuing year.

7.35pm Cllr Harris left the meeting.

5. To appoint representatives to outside bodies

IT WAS RESOVED:

To move this item to the next Full Town Council meeting.

6. To appoint members to committees and sub committees

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To move this item to the next Full Town Council meeting.

7. To received declarations of Interest

None received.

8. To confirm the minutes of the last Full Town council meeting held on Thursday 21st April 2011 and sign as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

IT WAS RESOVED:

To sign the minutes of the meeting.

9. Matters arising from those Minutes

None

10. To Suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of public participation.

The members of the public present did not wish to speak.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To move to item 12 of the agenda to re-instate State Standing Orders

12. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Mullock announced that a copy of the Annual Report was available
Copies were on the table.

13. To Approve the Risk Management Report

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To approve the risk management report.

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**14. To Approve sections 1 and 2 of the annual return for year end 2010/11
31st March 2011 (end of year accounts)**

IT WAS RESOLVED:

Cllr Chesters (previous Chairman) agreed with the accounts, but he would not sign the annual report until he had seen the Internal Auditor's report.

To approve sections one and two of the annual return for year end 2010/2011.

15. To Approve and adopt the NALC Standing Orders to include amendments recommended by the working party.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

All in favour to adopt NALC Standing Orders.

**16. To receive any comments from members regarding pavement permits.
Information sent to councillors 25.3.2011**

Councillors requested that we contact Shropshire Council regarding the procedure to object.

17. To approve the payments summary cheques from 200359 to 200376

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To authorise the cheque payments

18. To Approve manual cheques in accordance with summary sheet.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To approve cheque payments

Cllr Harris returned to the meeting

19. To consider an application for funding from the Whitchurch Waterways Trust

IT WAS RESOLVED:

Not to pay any further funding at this point to the Waterways Trust but to ask for more information.

It was resolved to submit planning application providing there is no cost to the Council.

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20. To consider match funding required for the town revitalisation scheme, also For the provision of funding (between £7000, and £10,000) for the purpose of a feasibility study appertaining to the Civic Centre and Heritage Centre, proposed first floor units.

Cllr Chesters stated that some money is available from reserves for the purpose of a property feasibility study.

Cllr Walker suggested match fund all of the amount applying to the Lottery and other sources of funding.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

It was proposed to ring fence £40.000 for the purpose of a feasibility study for the Civic Centre and Heritage Centre.

21. To receive written reports from committees, sub committees and workshops.

No written reports received.

22. To Receive a report from Shropshire Councillor.

Cllr Dakin is on holiday and no report received.

23. To received a letter from Hibbert Lucas Butter Solicitors regarding legacy left to the Town Council

Appendix B attached to the agenda.

In the letter it was stated that there were several music manuscripts and this item was referred to the next Heritage Committee meeting.

24. To Consider Insurance quotation received from WPS insurance and AON Insurance, to approve one of the quotations and payment of the premium to provide insurance cover from the 1st June 2011.

Cllr Chesters asked the clerk which insurance company he favoured.

The clerk replied that AON had been favourable in the past and their quotation was favourable.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To remain with AON Insurance.

The meeting closed at 8pm.