

Minutes

Full Council

Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm

Membership: Councillors Macfarlane (Mayor) (West), Ridout (Deputy Mayor) (West), Batchelor (Broadway), Cullen (Broadway), Dancey (East), Davis (East), Dombkowski (East), Fraser (West), Fryer (West), Humphries (Broadway), Jeffries (Copheap), Jolley (Broadway) and Macdonald (East)

Present:

Councillors: P Macfarlane, P Ridout, P Batchelor, J Cullen, S Dancey, A Davis, N Dombkowski, S Fraser, R Fryer, K Humphries, S Jeffries, G Jolley and P Macdonald

Officers: H Abernethie, F Fox and V Mills

Public and press: 6 members of the public and 0 members of the press.

376/17 Apologies

- a) None.
- b) Not applicable.

377/17 Minutes

- a) The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.
- b) None.

378/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Davis and Fraser declared an interest in agenda item 6(c), the service level agreement between Warminster Town Council and Warminster Community Radio. Both advertised their businesses with the radio so would abstain from voting.

379/17 Mayor's Announcements

- a) None.
- b) Noted.

380/17 Questions

None.

381/17 To Authorise the Sealing of Documents

- a) Members approved the signing of the renewed lease between Warminster Town Council and Warminster Scout Group, landlord title number WT269808 to lease the Scout Hut from 2017–2032.
- b) Members approved the signing of the renewed lease between Warminster Town Council and The Tynings Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association from 2017–2032.

- c) Councillor Dancey proposed that the signing of the Service Level Agreement between Warminster Town Council and Warminster Community Radio to support the agreed financial commitment for the period 1st April 2017–31st March 2022 be postponed to allow the decision to be made by the new council. Seconded Councillor Macdonald. The Clerk advised that this was an administrative issue and nothing new had been brought to the table to discuss. Funding had already been agreed and there had been five opportunities for members to debate this. There was not an option to defer. Voting In Favour of the proposal 4, Against 6, Abstentions 3. The proposal was not carried.
- Councillor Humphries proposed approval of signing the Service Level Agreement. Seconded Councillor Jolley. Voting In Favour 6, Against 3, Abstentions 4. The proposal was carried.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.09 to allow for public participation

382/17 Public Participation

- a) **Len Turner, 3 Were Close** thanked the Councillors and the officers of the Council for what they had done over the past four years. He applauded those who had taken on this difficult task and hoped that those standing for election would fulfil the role they had been elected to. The public were increasingly aware of critical issues and aware that people were there to serve their community. The outgoing Council should be proud that they had served the town well.
- b) None.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.11

383/17 Correspondence

Noted.

384/17 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

Councillor Davis reminded members that there was a health seminar at the Civic Centre on Friday 31st March.

385/17 Minutes of Committees:

The minutes of the following meetings were adopted:

- a) **Finance and Assets Committee** meeting held on 3rd January 2017.
- b) **Planning Advisory Committee** meetings held on 12th December 2016, 23rd January 2017 and 13th February 2017.
- c) **Town Development Committee** meetings held on 5th December 2016.
- d) **HR** meetings held on 10th October 2016 and 3rd January 2017.

386/17 Police Report and Neighbourhood Tasking Group

- a) The police report was noted.

- b) Councillor Ridout reported that 18 people had attended the Neighbourhood Tasking Group meeting held on 7th March. She would circulate the minutes to any member who wished to receive them. The next meeting was on 13th June at 6pm at the Civic Centre.

387/17 Devolved Services Working Group

The minutes of the working group meetings that took place on 12th January and 9th February 2017 were ratified.

388/17 Audit Report (interim) 2016–2017

The report was noted. Members congratulated the Clerk on once again having received a clear audit.

389/17 Green Flag Application

Members adopted and approved the Green Flag application. They thanked the officers for the amount of work they had put in to complete the application for this worthwhile scheme.

390/17 Local Council Award – Gold Application

Councillor Macfarlane proposed:

This Council approves by resolution that it confirms the five statements for submission for accreditation of the Gold Award of the Local Council Award Scheme, having already qualified for the Foundation and Quality awards. It also reaffirms the resolutions that it made on 21st September 2015 and 9th May 2016 that it publishes on line all relevant criteria to fulfil the foundation and quality awards.

Seconded Councillor Jolley. It was requested that the reference to ‘monthly reports’ from the police (Statement 2) be changed to ‘regular reports’.

Voting In Favour 12, Against 0, Abstentions 1. The proposal was carried.

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was resolved that the public be asked to withdraw at 7.20pm

391/17 Plot 1 Tynings Allotments

The Clerk updated members on the current position. Members did not offer further instruction to the Clerk.

It was resolved that the Clerk be asked to circulate a statement to all members that could be used should they be approached by the public or press on this matter.

It was resolved to ask the public to return at 7.25pm

392/17 Communications

- a) None.
- b) None.

Meeting closed at 7.27pm