

**Minutes of the Meeting of Warminster Town Council
on
Monday 22nd July 2024 at 7pm
held at the Civic Centre,
Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB**

Membership:

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| Cllr Allensby (West) Chairman of the Council and Mayor | * | Cllr Kirkwood (Broadway) | * |
| Cllr Brett (East) | * | Cllr Jones (East) | * |
| Cllr Cooper (Broadway) Vice Chairman of the Council and Deputy Mayor | * | Cllr Macfarlane (West) | * |
| Cllr Davis (East) | * | Cllr Parks (North) | AB |
| Cllr Fraser (West) | * | Cllr Robbins (East) | * |
| Cllr Jeffries (North) | * | Vacancy (Broadway) | |
| Cllr Keeble (West) | * | | |

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Tom Dommett, (Town Clerk and RFO), Judith Halls (Deputy Town Clerk), Patsy Clover (Committee Clerk)

Attendees:

Members of the press: None

Members of the public: None

Police: One

FC/24/058 Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.

FC/24/059 Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

FC/24/060 Minutes
FC/24/060.1 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024, were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.
FC/24/060.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024.

FC/24/061

Chairman's Announcements

FC/24/061.1. Cllr Allensby, Mayor of Warminster, notified members of Cllr Hawker's resignation as a town councillor. She also reminded members about the forthcoming event celebrating the Centenary of the Lake Pleasure Grounds on 26th July 2024 and the Ice Cream and Bubbles Festival on 3rd August 2024.

FC/24/061.2 The Mayor's engagements were noted.

FC/24/062

Correspondence Circulated

The list of correspondence circulated was noted.

FC/24/063

Questions

There were no questions submitted in advance to the Clerk by members of the council.

FC/24/065

Reports from Unitary Authority Members and the Police

There were no reports from unitary authority members.

PS Joe Sadowski introduced himself as the new sergeant for the Warminster area with four full time PCs, one part time PC, one special constable and five PCSOs reporting to him, one of whom, PC Holcombe, focusses on community engagement. The team is managed locally by Insp Louise Oakley.

Current priorities in Warminster are as follows:

1. Retail crime – this is PC Hamill's area of focus with the aims of encouraging shops to report crime and introducing crime prevention schemes. He works closely with the CCTV partnership, which is a huge asset to the town, and with Shop Watch.
2. Youth work and ASB – this is PC Fairley's area of focus through management of behaviour, liaising with youth clubs and detached youth workers.
3. Organised crime – this is Insp Oakley's area of focus through the gathering of intelligence to disrupt criminal networks, both regionally and nationally. The importance of reporting through the portal was emphasised.

Emerging themes:

1. Anti-social driving, including backfiring exhausts. Road traffic policing and targeting of specific offenders when they are driving are specific areas of focus.
2. Burglaries
3. Dangerous dogs
4. Recent opening of MacDonalDs. A zero-tolerance approach to any anti-social or criminal behaviour is being adopted.

Cllr Jeffries arrived at 19.08.

FC/24/066

Proceedings of Committee

Minutes from the following meetings were adopted:

FC/24/066.1 Finance and Audit Committee meeting held on 7th May 2024.

FC/24/066.2 HR Committee meeting held on 5th February 2024.

FC/24/066.3 Parks and Estate Committee meeting held on 28th May 2024.

FC/24/066.4 Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on 17th June 2024.

FC/24/067 **Becoming a Councillor Events**

Members:

- agreed to hold a 'Becoming a Councillor' event(s) to inform interested individuals about what is involved in becoming a town or parish councillor, and
- nominated Cllrs Allensby, Brett and Jones to work with officers to organise the event(s).

FC/24/068 **Pharmacy Provision in Warminster**

Members resolved to write to Sebastian James, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Boots UK and ROI, thanking him for his letter but stating that ongoing concerns about lunchtime dispensing provision remain and asking how matters are being kept under review.

FC/24/069 **Lake Pleasure Grounds Lottery Bid**

Members resolved to allocate £20,000 from EMR Services to be Devolved for preparatory work involved to progress the bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

FC/24/070 **Communications**

Members resolved no communications were needed at this time.

Meeting closed at 7.36pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website www.warminster.uk.com or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

Date of next meeting: Monday 30th September 2024.