

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 commencing at 7.05 pm.**

### **Present:**

Cllr P. Fairclough - Mayor	Cllr D. Roberts	Cllr P. Davis	Cllr S. Hall
Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr J. Latter	Cllr J. Gorse	Cllr. L. Jinks
Cllr A. McClements	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr L. Carter	Cllr A. Lowe
Cllr S. de Launey	Cllr M. Hosken	Cllr G. Cook	Cllr G. Luter

**In attendance:** Rev T. Carter, Andrew Roberts – Deputy Clerk and Karen Roper Town Clerk.

<b>61/20</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – The Mayor welcomed everyone to this virtual Town Council meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked reverend Carter for all his work on the virtual carol service. The winning entry for the Christmas shop window display had been Wool Magic and the winning market stall was the Daberhashery. She welcomed the new businesses setting up in the market and invited Rev. Carter to take prayers.
<b>62/20</b>	<b>Prayers</b> - Rev Carter asked members to pray for things to improve in the new year.
<b>63/20</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b> – The Clerk had circulated a virtual meeting protocol which requested everyone remain on mute and the Deputy Clerk would unmute those indicating they wished to speak.
<b>64/20</b>	<b>Apologies</b> – Were received from Cllrs Tomlinson, Alvey and Brittain due to ill health and Cllr Usman due to work commitment. The apologies were accepted.
<b>65/20</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – None were received at this point.
<b>66/20</b>	<b>To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.</b>  Cllr Morris-Jones proposed acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr Jinks, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

67/20	<p><b>Matters Arising –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speed Indicator Devices –</b> Then Clerk reported devices were now positioned at Arleston Lane and Whitchurch Road. An application had been forwarded to fund additional units from the PCC. A quotation to install additional posts had now been received and would be discussed at the next P&amp;R meeting. Cllr Jinks welcomed the siting of the unit in Whitchurch Road but commented that as the schools are currently closed due to the Covid lockdown, the resulting data will bear no resemblance of the usual traffic situation. She asked that this be taken on board when the data is examined.</li> <li>• <b>Events and Communications Committee Meeting –</b> Members were notified of the next meeting date as 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li> <li>• <b>Regeneration Board meeting -</b> Members were notified of the next meeting date as 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li> </ul>
68/20	<p><b>To receive and note the minutes of the following Wellington Town Council Committees.</b></p> <p>a) <b>Policy and Resources Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 –</b> Cllr de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bowring Toilets –</b> Cllr de Launey reported the Café tenants had taken responsibility for the toilets.</li> <li>• <b>George Evans Tribute –</b> Designs had been circulated to members and ‘Equilibrium’ had been the preferred choice of P&amp;R. Cllr Latter asked about the budget amount allocated to the this project. Cllr deLauney said this was £4k. Cllr Pierce asked if this figure included installation. Cllr de Launey said the situation would be clarified at the next meeting of P&amp;R meeting. The Clerk reported she had contacted Evans’ family and was waiting for a response.</li> </ul> <p>b) <b>Planning Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 –</b> Cllr Luter presented the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Hosken expressed his extreme disappointment at the response of the committee to application TWC 2020/1021. Cllr Luter responded stating the application had been carefully considered as per ‘normal practice’ and in the light of material planning conditions. The result had been subject to a majority vote.</li> <li>• <b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 –</b> Cllr Luter reported this meeting was deferred to 13<sup>th</sup> January.</li> </ul>
69/20	<p><b>Climate Change Emergency Group Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 -</b> The Clerk had sent members the minutes. Cllr Lowe said the meetings were now being held monthly. He then reported he had responded to Telford and Wrekin’s 62 page consultation on issues and options which was not reflected in the minutes.</p>

70/20	<p><b>Conservation Working Group Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>– The notes had been circulated this evening. Cllr Jinks said this was a quick meeting and asked members if there were any questions. Cllr Roberts asked if the Shropshire Wildlife Trust were consulted to give advice as 180 Oak trees planted together was a huge amount. She was assured that advice is currently obtained from Officers at T&amp;W and the oak saplings are planted in a nursery so the trees, once grown will be lifted and planted out in other locations.</p> <p>Cllr Morris-Jones suggested a letter of thanks from this council be sent to the hardworking volunteers.</p>
71/20	<p><b>Approval of the 2021/22 Budget</b> – The Clerk had sent an explanation of the budget to all members. Cllr de Launey presented the budget recommended by P&amp;R and made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The increase of 7.87% is proposed because £50k had been used from balances last year and this needed to be replaced</li> <li>• Money needs to be available for regeneration</li> <li>• Cllr Morris-Jones said he supports the budget because of the now even greater need to support regeneration</li> <li>• Cllr Roberts said she could not support the budget because she felt the money needed for regeneration should be found through savings. She said people are suffering with reduced incomes and possibly losing their jobs so would struggle to pay more.</li> <li>• Cllr Lowe – gave examples of savings already made and assured members that costs are constantly scrutinised.</li> <li>• Cllr Carter thanked Cllr deLauney for his work on the budget and said that no alternative budget had been received for consideration. He said the increase amounted to 7.5p per week and asked where members would like to make cuts.</li> <li>• Cllr de Launey also said that savings of £30k had been made in relation to the provision of public toilets last year. He reminded members that Wellington is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest parish in Shropshire so he was proud to support this budget when compared with the precept requests from other parishes and the services this Council delivers.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr de Launey proposed acceptance of the Budget for 2021/22 indicating total spending of £524,991.00. He was seconded by Cllr Davis and a vote was taken resulting in 13 votes for and 3 abstentions. The vote was carried.</p>
72/20	<p><b>Approval of the 2021/22 Precept.</b> Cllr de Launey proposed acceptance of the Precept request for 2021/22 as £499,991.00. He was seconded by Cllr Gorse and a vote was taken resulting in 13 votes for and 3 abstentions. The vote was carried.</p>
73/20	<p><b>The next virtual meeting date was agreed as 7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>TH</sup> February 2021</b></p>

Chairman.....9<sup>th</sup> February 2021