

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 commencing at 7.05 pm.

### Present:

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

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

<b>46/20</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – The Mayor welcomed everyone to this virtual Town Council meeting and reminded members of the ‘virtual’ carol service streaming on Sunday afternoon. She commented on the wonderful community spirit and commitment she has encountered throughout the parish. She then invited Rev. Carter to take prayers.
<b>47/20</b>	<b>Prayers</b> - Rev Carter said the Carol Service has musical contributions and videos from will be live streamed on Sunday afternoon. He asked members to give thanks for the re-opening of the shops and hoped our schools and neighbourhoods can be Covid free soon.
<b>48/20</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b> – The Clerk requested everyone goes on mute and that the Deputy Clerk would identify / invite those wishing to speak.
<b>49/20</b>	<b>Police Constable Matt Corfield-</b> The Mayor warmly welcomed PC Corfield who was attending to respond to any questions raised by Councillors. Members had concerns about fly tipping, the flouting of one way systems and parking outside the Orbit and in other areas. Cllr McClements said these issues should be referred to the ICM meeting and reported back to the Council. Cllr Carter agreed with Cllr McClements and said the discussions should be about issues such as county lines and knife crime. He felt the Town Council needs to be sharper with our processes and promoting responses / actions to the public.
<b>50/20</b>	<b>Apologies</b> – Were received from Cllrs Alvey and Brittain due to ill health, Cllr Luter for work commitments and Cllr Usman. The apologies were accepted.
<b>51/20</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – None were received at this point.

52/20	<p><b>To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> Cllr Tomlinson proposed the minutes for acceptance and was seconded by Cllr Jinks, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.</p>
53/20	<p><b>Matters Arising –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>George Evans Tribute</b> – The Clerk said design sketches should be available for the January meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Clifton Site</b> – The Clerk had circulated photos that showed members the weeds had been removed and the site tidied up.</li> <li>• <b>Our Wellington Magazine</b> - The Clerk said all members should have received the newsletter, there had been some hiccups but further research was being done to look at alternative arrangements for distribution.</li> <li>• <b>Obscured Apley Sign-</b> The Clerk had distributed photos showing the completed job. Cllr Morris-Jones said it was a shame it had taken so long but our staff had done a great job and this entrance to Wellington now looks good and the new sign can now be seen.</li> <li>• <b>Speed Indicator Devices</b> - Cllr Tomlinson asked if application could be made for additional units from the PCC so there could be 7 amounting to one for each ward. She commented that proportionally, there was one unit in Admaston and Wrockwardine and 3 for Wellington which doesn't really add up. She had received so many comments from the public regarding speeding, and overtaking on Whitchurch Road, Marton Drive and Severn Drive plus issues in Shawbirch on 3 roads, A442, Longdon on Tern and Shawbirch Road.</li> </ul>
54/20	<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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020</b> – Cllr de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draft Budget</b> – The initial version of the budget had been circulated. Comments were made by members and Cllr deLauney responded stating that the budget is an estimate of what might be spent. He asked members to bring their comments and suggestions back to the January 2021 meeting and was available if anyone wanted to discuss it on a one to one basis.</li> <li>• <b>Windsor Road/Harvey Crescent Play Area</b> – The play area was in need of remedial works before it could reopen following the lockdown closure. The contribution of £4,100 from the Town Council had been agreed.</li> <li>• <b>Terms of Reference</b> – P&amp;R had now agreed its TOR which lays out the Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee. The Grievance Policy has also been updated to incorporate the Independent Panel appointed at the Annual meeting of the Council.</li> </ul> <p>b) <b>Planning Committee 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> – The Deputy Chairman of Planning had earlier this evening informed the Town Clerk that the circulated minutes and the related information were incorrect. The Clerk had informed the committee Clerk and all Councillors by email, prior to this meeting, that the disputed minutes will be referred back to the Planning Committee. Cllr Gorse said she had not received the minutes and asked that the Town Clerk ensure committee documents are distributed in a timely manner.</p> <p>c) <b>Events and Communications Committee Meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> – Cllr Davis presented the report which had been previously circulated. Cllr Roberts</p>

	asked about the £500 agreed to boost social media posts. Cllr Carter said the unanimous decision was taken with cross party support. Cllr Tomlinson suggested a PDF of the 'Our Wellington' newsletter link be sent to Wrockwardine Parish and copies are made available for those not in the delivery catchment area can collect.
<b>55/20</b>	<b>Climate Change Emergency Group Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> - Cllr Lowe presented the reports. Cllr Tomlinson congratulated the group on their work.
<b>56/20</b>	<b>Toilet Twinning</b> – The Clerk said following the request from the Rotary Club for the Council to support this project, we were now twinned with a toilet block in Malawi. We had received a certificate which will be displayed at the Parade toilets.
<b>57/20</b>	<b>Carer Friendly Employer</b> - The Clerk informed members that the Town Council was now designated as a Carer Friendly Employer. Members asked for the certificate to be presented online and given the appropriate publicity.
<b>58/20</b>	<b>Christmas Lights-</b> The Clerk said the lights were now all installed. Cllr Hosken said the tree was glorious and the Square looks absolutely brilliant he wanted to congratulate everyone involved for doing a great job. Cllr McClements said the lights in Arleston look good but there was disappointment that there was no communication about when they would be switched on and there was no reason given for the delay experienced this year. She asked the Clerk to feed this message back to the contractors as communications are important. Cllr Fairclough said she was delighted with the lights in Shawbirch.
<b>59/20</b>	<b>Regeneration Board</b> – Cllr deLauney said if members wished to discuss the regeneration board meeting, members would need to go into closed session as there items of a confidential nature.
<b>60/20</b>	<b>The next meeting date would be held at 7.00pm on 12<sup>TH</sup> January 2021</b>

Chairman.....12<sup>th</sup> January 2021