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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Wellington Town Council, held on Zoom on Tuesday, 8th February 2022 starting at 6.30pm.

Present

Cllr P. Davis - Mayor	Cllr S. Hall	Cllr L. Jinks	Cllr J. Alvey
Cllr D. Roberts – Deputy Mayor	Cllr P. Fairclough	Cllr L. Carter (arriving later)	Cllr C. Barker (for part of meeting)
Cllr A. McClements (arriving later)	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr J. Gorse (for part of meeting)	Cllr A. Lowe (for part of meeting)
Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr J. Latter	Cllr G. Cook	Cllr M. Hosken

Also in Attendance; Nick Brooke, Rob. Montgomery, Sally Themans, Chris Hallum, Andrew Roberts, Paola Armstrong and Karen Roper Town Clerk.

83/21	Welcome - The Mayor – Cllr P. Davis, welcomed everyone to the online meeting and called upon Nick Brooke to lead prayers.
84/21	Prayers – Nick Brooke led prayers and the Mayor thanked him for his attendance.
85/21	Public Open Session –This meeting was livestreamed on Facebook.
86/21	Apologies – Were received and approved from Cllr K. Tomlinson for family matters Cllr S. de Launey due to holiday, Cllr U. Ahmed for health issues and Cllr G. Luter. Voting in favour were Cllrs: P. Davis, D. Roberts, S. Hall, J. Pierce, L. Jinks, G. Cook, C. Barker, A. Lowe, J. Latter, G. J. Alvey, P. Fairclough, and M. Hosken. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
87/21	Declarations of Interest – Were received from Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE in respect of any discussion on the Orbit and Cllr J. Pierce in respect of the Friends of Wellington Station. A vote was taken to approve the above declarations of interest and in favour were Cllrs: P. Davis, D. Roberts, S. Hall, J. Pierce, L. Jinks, G. Cook, C. Barker, A. Lowe, J. Latter, J. Alvey, P. Fairclough, and M. Hosken. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
88/21	General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – Update from Robert Montgomery Audit and Governance Lead Manager. Members received a presentation on the requirements of the regulations and power point slides were distributed after the meeting.
7.05 pm Cllrs Carter and McClements joined the meeting.	
89/21	Environmental Enforcement Officer – The Mayor introduced Chris Hallum who had been appointed in May 2021. Chris introduced himself to members giving a resume of

	<p>his career to date. He explained he shares his time between Wellington and Lawley & Overdale parishes, his main duties are to ensure that standards are maintained and if possible perpetrators committing offences such as fly tipping are found and dealt with accordingly. He invited members to contact him directly and walk the area with him, Cllr. McClements, Fairclough, Davis and Cook accepted. Cllr Jinks thanked the team for acting within 24 hours to clean up litter from around little Apley pool. The Mayor thanked Chris for his time this evening.</p>
90/21	<p>Wellington Station Project – The Mayor said this issue had been discussed at P&R but it was agreed that not enough information to make a decision had been received. A written report had been circulated to all members of Full Council and Sally Themans was in attendance to answer questions. Sally explained there had been many difficulties with the project but now completion was in sight. Cllr Jinks requested information in relation to reference 3.1 of the SLA document asking about the exact amount of liability to the Council, Sally confirmed this to be £1.00 if demanded. Ref: 3.18 of the SLA Cllr Jinks asked what figure would be ‘reasonable costs of any surveys’. Sally said she could not see a situation where this would be required we would only be removing the signs which would require a simple risk assessment. Ref: 3.26 states the Town Council would be liable to pay all rates, Cllr Jinks asked what this figure is likely to be. Sally said there would not be any rates payable. Cllr Jinks asked if this section would be removed from the agreement Sally agreed. Ref; 8.1 referred to insurance, Sally explained this has not been fully worked out yet but would most likely be covered by the public liability insurance policy held by the Friends of Wellington Station.</p> <p>Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said he had previously signed a similar agreement in 1990 relating to an advertising notice. He said the Friends of Wellington Station had worked hard and should be supported.</p> <p>Cllr Hosken said he would have liked the agreement to be more specific.</p>
91/21	<p>Service Level Agreement for Wellington Station Signs – Cllr Pierce proposed acceptance of the Service Level Agreement, she was seconded by Cllr Latter. The following members voted in favour Cllrs: D. Roberts, P. Davis, P. Morris-Jones MBE, A. McClements, S. Hall, J. Pierce, L. Jinks, L. Carter, G. Cook, J. Gorse, C. Barker, A. Lowe, J. Latter, J. Alvey, P. Fairclough and M. Hosken. There were no votes against and no abstentions.</p>
92/21	<p>Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th January 2022- The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr M. Hosken, 2nd by Cllr. L. Jinks. A vote was taken to approve the above minutes and in favour were Cllrs: D. Roberts, P. Davis, P. Morris-Jones MBE, A. McClements, S. Hall, J. Pierce, L. Jinks, L. Carter, G. Cook, J. Gorse, C. Barker, A. Lowe, J. Latter, J. Alvey, P. Fairclough and M. Hosken. There were no votes against and no abstentions</p>
93/21	<p>To receive and note the reports of the following Wellington Town Council Committees.</p> <p>a) Policy and Resources 1st February 2022 – Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE confirmed the minutes had been circulated and asked if members had any questions. There were no questions.</p> <p>b) Planning Committee held on 19th January 2022 - Cllr L. Jinks presented the previously circulated minutes. There were no questions.</p> <p>c) Events & Communications Committee held on 25th January 2022 – Cllr P Davis presented the previously circulated minutes. There were no questions.</p>
94/21	<p>Wellington Regeneration Partnership Meeting Report held on 19th January 2022 – Cllr. P. Morris-Jones MBE presented the previously circulated minutes, Cllr M. Hosken asked that Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE report back from the next meeting particularly on the ‘purpose of the partnership item’ on the agenda. There were no further questions.</p>

95/21	<p>Climate Change Emergency Working Group meetings of 3rd February 2022 – The minutes had been circulated and there were no questions from members.</p>
96/21	<p>CAT Team Meeting – The Clerk had circulated the minutes. Cllr. D. Roberts asked for clarification of acronym ‘NEO’ the Mayor explained this was Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer.</p>
97/21	<p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as 8st March 2022 – Cllr L. Jinks asked that the legalities of remote meetings are checked as she thought the Council should be returning to face to face meetings.</p> <p>Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE said that other organisations are getting back to face to face meetings. In his view the Town Council should not be hiding behind closed doors and should be setting an example by working openly and transparently. The Mayor said there are no closed doors, this council meeting is being live streamed so we are creating a permanent record available online. Copies of minutes are available to anyone on request so there is no issue with transparency. Cllr J. Alvey asked that the council exercises a show of transparency on this matter as no one is sure what is going on and it is embarrassing that we have not got back to normal.</p> <p>The Mayor said we have taken advice from NALC / SALC and acted upon guidance from Government at every meeting. The Mayor reminded everyone that the January meeting of Full Council was held face to face and members had expressed their concern and discomfort about the situation. The Council voted and agreed that P&R Committee would be held face to face and take on delegated power to discharge the functions of Full Council. P&R would be directed in its actions by online Full Council meetings until the decision was rescinded by Full Council itself. He added that it is important that Councillors feel safe in our meetings and the situation is and has been under constant review.</p> <p>The Clerk would check the latest advice from NALC SALC and Government regarding online meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.</p>

Chairman.....8th March 2022