

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 13th October 2020 commencing at 7.01 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 G Luter
Cllr A. McClements	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr U. Ahmed	Cllr. J. Alvey
Cllr S de Launey	Cllr M. Hosken	Cllr L. Carter	
Cllr P Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr K. Tomlinson	Cllr. L. Jinks	

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

21/20	<p>Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to this virtual Town Council meeting and confirmed it was being live streamed to give public access and transparency to the decision making process of the Council. She then invited Rev. Carter to take prayers.</p> <p>Rev Carter thanked members for the invitation mentioning those affected by the COVID pandemic including local businesses and prayed that God would bring some light into people’s lives. The Mayor thanked Rev. Carter.</p>
22/20	<p>Housekeeping – Cllr Tomlinson requested everyone goes on mute unless invited to speak.</p>
23/20	<p>Presentation to Allan Frost - The Mayor showed everyone the embellished key which was designed by Allan. She said this was very first Wellington key which was fittingly being presented to him for outstanding services to our town. She explained that Allan is the man who has a great knowledge relating to the history of Wellington publishing books and articles. Prior to his retirement he was the force behind the history group and now responds to requests from individuals looking for historical information.</p> <p>Response from Allan Frost – Allan said the idea of a key initially came from Lesley Street our former Mayor. He felt very honoured and grateful to be the very first recipient of this fantastic award and was very happy to have supported Wellington. Cllr Tomlinson thanked Allan on behalf of the Council for all his work stating that the award was richly deserved. Cllr Morris- Jones MBE added his congratulations and wished Allan a happy retirement although in his view it was far too early for him to be stepping down.</p>

24/20	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs Brittain, and Lowe. The apologies were accepted.
25/20	Declarations of Interest – None declared at this point.
26/20	To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 8th September 2020 - Cllr Morris-Jones MBE proposed the minutes for acceptance and was seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.
27/20	Matters Arising – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway Signs- The Clerk said the signs destined for the Dawley & Holyhead Roads should be up by the end of the week. • Retail Sector – A further meeting with Highways was being set up as soon as possible • Police and Crime Commissioner – The Clerk had circulated a copy of the survey which was a consensus of the ten forms received from Councillors. This document had been sent to the PCC by the required date. • Clifton Site - Cllr Jinks referred to the Clifton site. The Clerk said this had been chased with the enforcement officer and so far there had been no response.
28/20	To receive and note the minutes of the following Wellington Town Council Committees and Consider the Recommendations made. <p>a. Policy and Resources Committee dated 6th October 2020 – Councillor de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic System in Ercall Lane – Cllr deLauney reported that Adam Brookes had attended P&R together with Cllr Roberts to discuss this issue following the resolution made at the September Full Council meeting. It had been stated that the current situation was temporary and there was opportunity to feed into the consultation process. £50k was allocated in the budget to resolve the problem. • Government High Street Fund – Kathy Mulholland had given a presentation to members which will hopefully result in funding for Wellington. • Grants Panel – P&R had delegated power to the Grants Panel to make the awards on 20th October. • Events and Communications Committee – P&R had agreed that any budget required by this new committee would come to P&R for consideration until the new budget is set. • George Evans – P&R agreed to look at a fitting tribute to celebrate the life of George Evans. • Next Meeting – There was again long debate about returning to face to face meetings. The Clerk reminded members that P&R had made the decision to hold virtual meetings up to January 2021 when the decision will be reviewed. <p>b. Planning Committee dated 23rd September 2020 – Cllr Luter presented the minutes for the meeting.</p> <p>c. Events and Communications meeting 29th September 2020 – Cllr Davis Reported he had been appointed Chairman and Cllr Tomlinson had been elected as Vice Chairman at the inaugural meeting.</p>

29/20	Regeneration Board report of 9th September and 2nd October 2020 held via Microsoft Teams – Cllr de Launey said a further meeting of P&R had been held at 5.00pm this evening to discuss proposals from the Regeneration Board to change its Terms of Reference and appoint an independent voting member to the Board. A full report would be given at the November meeting.
30/20	To appoint two members to represent the Council to the Wrekin Forest Partnership - .Cllr Davis nominated Cllr Pierce and was seconded by Cllr McClements. Cllr Hall nominated Cllr Roberts and was seconded by Cllr Hosken, Cllrs Pierce and Roberts were elected to represent the Council on the Wrekin Forest Partnership.
31/20	The next meeting date would be the (Virtual) Annual Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on 10TH November 2020

Chairman.....10th November 2020