



## **EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of **EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held at 6.30 pm on **MONDAY 16 MARCH 2015** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr C D Homer (Town Mayor)  
Vice Chairman: Cllr F Kaler (Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillors: Cllr A P Booth, Cllr P R Boyd, Cllr A L Dyke, Cllr Mrs W D Dyke, Cllr M D Elliman, Cllr M S Goodge, Cllr Mrs B A Gurden, Cllr Miss E Haines, Cllr R S W Jones, Cllr G O'Donnell, Cllr Mrs D R Raphael, Cllr R W Raphael, Cllr Mrs J E Sandalls, Cllr Mrs F S Smith, Cllr N S Tucker  
Cllr Mrs R J Whiting

Officers: Mr S D Carter (Town Clerk)

### **164. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Hammon, J H Smith OBE and J Bulman.

### **165. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests (if any)**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **166. Formal Adoption of Evesham Town Plan**

Circulated to Members was the Evesham Town Plan and the supporting appendices document for consideration. The Town Plan had been formulated by a voluntary steering group led by the Chairman, Mr Patrick Staines, over the course of 2 years.

Mr Staines was on hand to present the document to the Town Council. He started by agreeing that the make up of the delivery committee was rightly weighted towards the Town Council, but that it was essential that the public were involved and that the right people sat on this committee. Mr Staines stated that the group needed to be open to contributions from the community and listen to ideas, even if they seem far fetched. He also stressed that budget should not be the first consideration when looking at ideas and projects, as funding may be available.

Mr Staines emphasised that the document made recommendations but had not set time constraints or priorities. It would be up to the delivery group to prioritise these and take action on them. He explained that the document would need to evolve as time progressed to meet the needs of the town, it could not stand still.

Regarding the delivery Mr Staines stated that this was a load that should be shared, with the Town Council leading. This was a community plan and the community needed to take responsibility for implementing it too. It was a community led project and it was essential that the Council continued to work with the community in delivering it. Mr Staines also highlighted

the importance of communication in terms of keeping the town in touch with how the implementation was proceeding.

In support of the document, it was explained that the plan gave the Town Council a road map going forward that could inform the council for years to come. This document could help turn around perceptions of the town, but it was re-emphasised that this was not just down to the council to do, but the town as a whole.

Mr Staines and the Steering Group were formally thanked by the Council for their efforts in delivering this document.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council adopt the Town Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

COUNCILLOR C D HOMER  
TOWN MAYOR