



## **EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of **EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held at 6.30 pm on **MONDAY 11 JULY 2016** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham.

Those present:

Vice Chairman: Cllr R S W Jones (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Cllr Mrs S Amor, Cllr K Barclay, Cllr A Barlow, Cllr R Bowers, Cllr A P Booth, Cllr P Boyd, Cllr J Bulman, Cllr M D Elliman, Cllr M S Goodge, Cllr Miss E Haynes, Cllr C D Homer, Cllr Mrs L S Jakeman, Cllr Mrs J Johnson, Cllr Mrs D R Raphael, Cllr R W Raphael, Cllr Mrs M Sale, Cllr Mrs J E Sandalls, Cllr Mrs F S Smith, Cllr J H Smith OBE, Cllr C Tether, Cllr N S Tucker, Cllr Mrs R J Whiting

Officers: Mr S D Carter (Town Clerk)

Also present: 1 member of the public and 1 member of the press.

### **47. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Kaler (Town Mayor).

### **48. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest (if any)**

Cllr Mrs J Sandalls declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 53, planning applications, as she is on the Wychavon District Council Planning Committee.

Cllr J H Smith OBE declared a non pecuniary interest in minute 53, planning applications b and c, since the applicant was an acquaintance.

### **49. Announcements by the Town Mayor**

There were no announcements.

### **50. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2016. It was noted that Councillors Tucker and Mrs Johnson had been present but that they had not been recorded in the minutes as being so. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** including the aforementioned amendment, that the Minutes be adopted as a true record.

### **51. Committee Minutes**

a) Town Plan Committee – 20 June 2016

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be adopted as a true record and the recommendations be approved.

- b) Planning and Estates Committee – 27 June 2016  
It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be adopted as a true record and the recommendations be approved.
- c) Personnel Committee – 4 July 2016  
It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be adopted as a true record and the recommendations be approved.

## **52. Finance – Payments and Receipts for May and June 2016**

Evesham Town Council's payments and receipts for the months of May and June 2016 were circulated to Members with the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council payments for the month of May, as attached at appendix A, amounting to £57,198.24 (NET) be approved and the receipts be **NOTED**.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the Town Council payments for the month of June, as attached at appendix B, amounting to £54,044.85 (NET) be approved and the receipts be **NOTED**.

## **53. Planning Applications**

- (a) GPDE/16/01568/GPDE-GPDE – For Your Information – Mr A Ford – 40 Lime Street  
Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed larger home extension - single storey rear extension. **NOTED**
- (b) W/16/01404/CU-Change of Use – Merstow Green Funeral Home – 20 Merstow Green  
Change of use from garage to mortuary including installation of roller gate to replace sliding gate  
<http://bit.ly/29j825W>  
It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.
- (c) W/16/01405/LB-Listed Building consent North Ward – Merstow Green Funeral Home  
20 Merstow Green  
Change of use application from approved garage to mortuary together with roller gate provision instead of sliding gate  
<http://bit.ly/29L9ABt>  
It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.
- (d) W/16/01577/PP – Mr Wiacek – 49 Columbine Grove  
Single storey ground floor extension to the side of the property to provide level threshold bedroom with disabled access shower facilities.  
<http://bit.ly/29IBKDF>  
It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.
- (e) W/16/01640/PP – Mr C Greedy – 23 Rudge Road  
Proposed single storey rear extension  
<http://81.171.139.151/WAM/showCaseFile.do?action=show&appType=Planning&appNumber=W/16/01640/PP>

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

#### 54. Welcome to Evesham Signage

Councillor M S Goodge gave a verbal presentation on the proposed changes to the Welcome to Evesham signs, as suggested by the Signage group of the Evesham Town Plan Committee.

Cllr Goodge explained that the group was seeking the Council's views on changing the Welcome to Evesham signs to pictorial signs, and also on the proposal to improve the tourist signs located on the roads as you come into town.

He explained that the group, which had been working with Worcestershire County Council on this project and consisted of local businesses and tourism industry representatives, had recommended that the Council consider replacing the welcome to Evesham signs with the pictorial signs. If members agreed with this they would then have to consider whether they wanted one image or 7 different images on each of the 7 different welcome signs. The current sign and a mock up of a proposed pictorial sign are detailed below.



Members supported the idea of replacing the signs with pictorial signs and it was **RESOLVED** that 7 different images be used.

Regarding the cost, Cllr Goodge stated that it was hoped that this could be met through various sources without the need for the Town Council to pay; however, it was necessary to get the proposal in place first.

Regarding the images, members were asked to choose 7 from 11 different ones. The images were:

1. The Round House
2. The Market Place
3. Church House
4. Word of Mouth
5. Abbey park (Ponds view)
6. River Avon
7. Abbey Park (wide view of water park and War Memorial)
8. The Almonry (rear view)
9. Archway (Abbey Park allotments)
10. Bell Tower
11. Riverside lighting

After much debate it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal to use pictorial signs, subject to details on the cost. It was also **RESOLVED** not to use images 2, 4, 7, and 11. These images were considered to be the least appropriate for use on a Welcome sign.

It was also **RESOLVED** to ask that a front image of the Almonry be used rather than a rear image. The front had the beautiful floral displays and was also what a visitor would see from the road and be able to identify it with from the sign.

It was further **RESOLVED** to ask whether the Evesham town crest could be incorporated into the Welcome sign.

*Clerk's note: Unfortunately Worcestershire County Council have stated that the town crest signs are not able to be included on the new Welcome signs.*

Next the Council considered the proposals to change the brown signs around town advising motorists of the various attractions in town. An example of the current signs and the proposed signs is detailed below.



Members objected to the Regal Cinema being on the brown signs, primarily because it is a business and it would be unfair on other businesses in the town. Instead, they suggested that Abbey Park, which is a major attraction to the town, be used. It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal to replace these signs but that the Regal Cinema be replaced with Abbey Park.

In addition, Members asked if a map of the town could be installed at the Bewdley Street Car Park to aid tourists who parked there. Maps were in location at the other car parks in the town.

## **55. Reports from Council's Representatives**

There were no reports made under this agenda item.

## **56. Matters of urgency raised, for information only, at the discretion of the Town Mayor**

Cllr C Tether advised members of the achievements of a young local rower Frances Russell, who had won all the races she had entered this year as part of Evesham Rowing Club, including her race at the Henley Royal Regatta. Cllr Tether was keen to celebrate people's achievement in the town. Cllr Tether was thanked for informing members of Ms Russell's achievements.

Members were informed that Evesham would be judged as part of Britain in Bloom on the 18 July 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm

COUNCILLOR R S W JONES  
DEPUTY MAYOR