

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Mayor's Parlour,
College House on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.15pm**

Present:

Councillors:

R Whittle OBE (in the Chair)
C Baines MBE
G Davies
C Dyson
R Fox
H Howell
K Hurst-Knight
E Lynch
E Marshall
S Stevens
K Sawbridge
C Walden

In Attendance:

L Jakeman, Town Clerk
R Williams, RFO

0327/1920 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members noted the apologies as listed below:

Councillor J Buckley	- Canvassing
Councillor D Cooper	- Alternative meeting
Councillor C Whittle	- Personal commitment
Councillor S Barlow	- Personal Commitment

0328/1920 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

0329/1920 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

0330/1920 **MINUTES**

- i) Members noted receipt of the draft minutes of the Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0331/1920 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

- i) Question from Councillor G Davies

“Can the Town Council take steps to find out the actual correct ownership of the Innage Lane Car Park?”

Town Council Response:

The Town Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had confirmed that the Innage Lane Car Park land is owned by them (they have provided the Land Title Number).

0332/1920 **OUTDOORS AND PROPERTIES MANAGER’S REPORT**

Members noted receipt of a report that provided a general overview of recent and planned activity regarding grounds and property maintenance, extract below:

• **FLAGS**

The Town Council owns two Union Jack Flags, one for the Castle Grounds and one for Northgate. The Union Jack flown on Northgate on special occasions is beginning to look very shabby and starting to fray; whereas the one for Castle Grounds that is used less often is still in good order. Should Council agree to replace the flag at Northgate a new MOD spec, high quality, hand machined replacement would cost £122.88 plus VAT.

• **HASAW UPDATE**

An H&S meeting was held at College House at the request of Tim Tearle the Senior Health and Safety officer for SC HR to review any potential H&S concerns and to introduce our new H&S support officer David Parsonage. An overview of our current H&S compliance was discussed and I am happy to say that there were no real areas of concern highlighted.

• **PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT**

The climbing frame netting (Severn Park) has now been replaced and fresh surface of play bark will be laid once the worst of the bad weather and further risk of flooding has passed.

- **ROOF REPAIRS**

The leaking roof in the Mayors Parlour strong room has now been identified and external repair work is well under way. In the past this type of work was contracted out at considerable expense but now thanks to the skill set and experience of Mr Glenn Broadbent we are able to make some significant savings in maintenance costs in a number of areas.

(Clerk's note: Funding for the flag to be through civic and democratic cost centre (101), Nominal Ledger 4535.)

0333/1920 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

RESOLVED:

- a) **To acknowledge that the document submitted by the Town Plan Steering Group to the LPA (as part of the ongoing dialogue in producing a draft Local Plan) has value and that the Town Council supports the submission in general terms and its general thrust.**

AND

- b) **That notwithstanding the previous statement the Town Council will look to provide its own corporate response to the Local Plan Review.**

AND

- c) **That the Town Council sets aside up to £3K for consultation from the general reserve.**

0334/1920 **ARTS TRAIL**

Members noted the minutes of the Arts Trail meeting held on 9th September 2019.

Members asked that the Town Clerk obtain an up to date quote for the removal of the statues at the end of the project to ensure that sufficient funds are retained in the Art trail earmarked reserve.

RESOLVED: to recommend the draft revenue budget contained within Flag 3, summarised below:

	FY - 2020/21	<i>Current Year Budget</i>
Total expenditure	£957,573	£949,222
Total Income	£299,534	£286,815

Members noted that the formal setting of the budget and confirmation of the budget would take place at the Council meeting scheduled for 21 January 2020, and once Shropshire Council had confirmed the Council Tax Base for Bridgnorth.