

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council  
held in the Mayor’s Parlour, College House on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 7.15pm**

Present: The Town Mayor, Councillor R Whittle OBE in the Chair,  
Councillors Mrs C Baines MBE, Ms S Barlow, Dr J Buckley,  
Mr D Cooper, Mr G Davies, Dr C Dyson Mr R Fox,  
Mrs H Howell, Mrs K Hurst-Knight, Mr E Marshall,  
Mrs J Onions and Mrs C Whittle

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Mr L Jakeman

0590/1819 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members **RESOLVED** to note the apologies as listed below:

Councillor Mrs S Stevens– family commitment

**ABSENT**

Councillor Mr A Hinton  
Councillor Mrs C Walden

0591/1819 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

0592/1819 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

0593/1819 **MINUTES**

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**RESOLVED: to approve an amendment to item 0569/1819 Committee Minutes – Planning Committee. Insert between the 2 resolutions:**

*“In proposing that the minutes be received and the resolutions noted, the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee stated that the committee were supportive of application 19/00700/FUL (temporary siting of an events marquee at Bridgnorth Rugby Club, Bandon Lane) subject to a commitment by the applicants to maintain liaison with local residents and implement the agreed noise action plan”*

And subject to the above amendment

**RESOLVED:**

**The minutes of the Bridgnorth Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 are signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

(Clerk's Note: Councillor Mrs H Howell arrives)

0594/1819 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

Nil

0595/1819 **OUTDOORS AND PROPERTIES MANAGER'S REPORT**

Members noted receipt of a report that provided a general overview of recent and planned activity regarding grounds maintenance.

0596/1819 **SEVERN PARK S106 EXPENDITURE**

**RESOLVED: to approve expenditure of up to £3,000 from the Severn Park Earmarked reserve for the purchase of:**

- **Play bark safety surface**
- **A triple compartment recycling waste bin**
- **2 x multi-coloured benches**

0597/1819 **LODGE LANE PARK ENHANCEMENT**

**RESOLVED: To approve the spending of up to £1,200 of the S106 Lodge Lane Earmarked Reserve to obtain an indicative design and specification for enhancements to Lodge Lane play area and wooded area.**

0598/1819 **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**RESOLVED: To enter in to an agreement with the Secretary of State for the Department of Work and Pensions acting through Jobcentre Plus to facilitate work experience opportunities**

0599/1819 **ARTS TRAIL – FREEMEN REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF NEW STATUE**

Members noted the correspondence from the Gild of Bridgnorth Freemen advising that they have noted concerns of residents regarding the placing of an Arts Trail in the grounds of the Church and that as a result, they are seeking an alternative location.

0600/1819 **PAYMENTS OF PENSION DEFICIT**

**RESOLVED:** To increase the 2019/2020 pension deficit budget to £17,400 and to create a monthly standing order, in the sum of £1,450, for payments of the pension deficit from April 2019.

0601/1819 **SEVERN PARK – FUNFAIR**

**RESOLVED:**

To grant permission, subject to some conditions, for Jennings Funfair to hold a Funfair on Severn Park on one of the following dates:

Annual Easter Funfair – Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April) to Easter Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> April) – Pull on to Severn Park – 16<sup>th</sup> April, pulling off on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

or

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Pull on to Severn Park – 1<sup>st</sup> May, pulling off on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Conditions to include that:

- The operator taking suitable steps to mitigate noise from the event disturbing local residents as seen as appropriate by the Town Clerk.
- The operator to site the funfair as directed by the Outdoor & Properties Manager.
- The funfair does not disrupt the Duck Race being organised by the Lions.

0602/1819 **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

**RESOLVED** in terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

Cllr Marshall asked for a recorded vote:

For: Cllrs Baines, Barlow, Cooper, Davies, Dyson, Fox, Howell, Hurst-Knight, Marshall, Onions, C Whittle and R Whittle.

Against: Nil

Abstentions: Cllr Buckley

0603/1819 **STAFFING MATTERS**

- i) **RESOLVED:** to approve the interim proposal by the Town Clerk that will enable the Town Hall to be open to members of the public for a number of hours leading up to lunch on most Saturdays starting from 6<sup>th</sup> April thru to mid-September 2019.
  
- ii) **RESOLVED:** to approve the recommendations contained in the report.