

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Mayor's Parlour,
College House on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 7.15pm**

Present:

Councillors:

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

In Attendance:

Mrs A Kendrick, PA to the Town Clerk
Mr B Ince, Outdoors & Properties Manager

0058/1920 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members noted the apologies as listed below:

Councillor J Buckley – family commitment
Mayor Councillor J Onions - unwell
Councillor S Stevens – unwell
Councillor C Whittle - unwell

0059/1920 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

0060/1920 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

0061/1920 **MINUTES**

- i) Members noted receipt of the draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Thursday 16th May 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Thursday 16th May 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

- ii) Members noted receipt of the draft minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0062/1920 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

Councillor S Barlow requested an update as to when the matter of climate change would be discussed following a motion being proposed at the Annual Town Meeting. The Chairman advised that this was in the hands of the Town Clerk and would be brought to a future meeting.

0063/1920 **OUTDOORS AND PROPERTIES MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

0064/1920 **CEMETERY GROUND RECONFIGURATION**

Members considered a report regarding the re-landscaping of an area of the cemetery to make it suitable to use for burials.

RESOLVED: to delegate to the Outdoors and Properties Manager the task of re-landscaping an area of the cemetery to make it suitable to use for burials (*with funding of up to £6k being drawn from the CIL Earmarked Fund and the single quote for the mechanical ground works element being accepted*).

0065/1920 **ARTS TRAIL**

Members noted a report regarding correspondence received from Shropshire Council that the Town Council bid for funding to support a phase 2 of the Arts Trail 'Catch Me Who Can' project has been unsuccessful.

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting would be included on the next agenda.

0066/1920 **BANK MANDATE – UNITY TRUST**

RESOLVED: to confirm the following amendments to the bank mandate, for internet banking facilities, for Unity Trust Bank:

- i) **Removal of Mrs P Russell**
- ii) **Addition of Mrs R Follette**

0067/1920 **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Members were asked to consider the following recommendation from the Town Clerk:

RECOMMENDED: that subject to the necessary assurances of the Conservation Officer; to agree to the siting of a ‘gifted’ defibrillator on the Town Hall.

An amendment to the proposal was made; which then became the substantive motion, and it was

RESOLVED: that subject to the necessary assurances of the Conservation officer; to agree to the siting of a ‘gifted’ defibrillator on the Town Hall or entrance to the Castle Hall as agreed by the Town Clerk.

0068/1920 **PUBLIC TOILETS**

Members noted a report which gave an update on elements of the public toilets provided by the Town Council ahead of any budget decisions in the autumn.

0069/1920 **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

0070/1920 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING – LED UPGRADE**

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

0071/1920 **MARKET**

RESOLVED: to delegate to the RFO the task of negotiating the best possible rental charge for the market stall space at 21 High Street and seek a new agreement.