



Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 22 August 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors C Turner (Mayor), M Cotton (Deputy Mayor), D Budd, K Critchley, B Dean, B Ezzard, H Goodinge, Z Gover, V Green, M Humphries, S Wheatley, L Kirk, D Robinson.

Officers present: Gale Pettifer, Deputy Clerk

TC 047/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from D Cleaton, K Green, M Russell.

TC 048/23 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC049/23 Public participation time

There was one member of the public present.

TC 050/23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 11 July 2023 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

TC 051/23 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

TC 052/23 Reports by Dorset Councillors and representatives on outside bodies

The report from Cllr Ezzard was **NOTED**.

Cllr Dean reported a successful trip to Hemsbach and brought back greetings and good wishes from the Twinning Association there.

Cllr Wheatley reported representing Wareham Town Council at the Wareham RFC's AGM.

TC 053/23 Payments for outstanding creditors

The Deputy Clerk presented a list of payments for approval.

It was **RESOLVED** that payments in the sum of £14,183.36 be approved.

TC 054/23 To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may wish to place before the Council

The Mayor reported having an informal meeting with Michael Tomlinson, MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole, Mark Harper, MP, Secretary of State for Transport, and members of Dorset Council, regarding Wareham railway

and the crossing. The Mayor reported the meeting had felt productive and positive.

TC 055/23 Reports from committees and sub-groups

The minutes from the following meetings were **NOTED**:

- a) Amenities Committee – 26/06/23
- b) Museum Committee – 15/03/23
- c) Personnel Committee – 06/06/23
- d) Planning and Transport Committee – 14/06/23
- e) Policy, Resources and Finance – 20/06/23

TC 056/23 Risk Management Strategy

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Risk Management Strategy, subject to further explanation at the next Policy, Resources and Finance Committee meeting.

TC 057/23 Bank Reconciliation - July

The bank reconciliation was **NOTED**.

TC 058/23 Asset Register

The Asset Register was noted and **APPROVED** with referral back to the next Policy, Resources, and Finance Committee meeting for review.

TC 059/23 Asbestos Management Policy

The following corrections were suggested:

- 5.4 – third sentence - insert the word 'not' between 'should' and 'be'
- 8.1 – third sentence – an 'a' should be placed before the word 'void' to spell 'avoid'.
- 16.1 – last sentence – change the word 'I' to read 'in'.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Asbestos Management Policy subject to the above amendments.

TC 060/23 Station Ticket Office Consultation

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Town Clerk formulate a reply and respond to the consultation on Station Change proposals by the Rail Delivery Group.

TC 061/23 Action List

The Action List was **NOTED**.

TC 062/23 Clerks Update

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update regarding the return to work of a member of the Grounds Team, following a broken foot; the notice to terminate the lease of the first floor of the annexe by The Safe Partnership; and an update from the Building Better Lives project team, regarding the Purbeck Gateway Development.

TC 063/23 Any other items the Mayor deems urgent

The Mayor mooted the idea of a new, more user-friendly, chain of Office and asked for a general indication of agreement. Councillors signalled their interest but requested more information and the Mayor agreed to research and return with a proposal.

TC 064/23 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Town Council was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 3 October 2023.

Mayor..... Date.....

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