

BERKHAMSTED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of

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Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Berkhamsted on

Monday 12 February 2018 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs C Green, Town Mayor
A Armytage
S Bateman
S Beardshaw
D Collins
E Collins
F Earl
J Jones
P Matthews
B Newton
Dr I Reay
G Stevens
G Yearwood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs J Mason, Town Clerk

1 member of the public

FC 16/18 Apologies for absence

These were received from Cllrs G Corry and T Ritchie.

FC 17/18 Declarations of Interest

None.

FC 18/18 Minutes of Last Meeting

The **minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council** held on 22 January 2018 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed as such by The town Mayor.

FC 19/18 Town Mayor's Communications

Deferred.

FC 20/18 Public Participation

Suspension of Standing Orders to **allow any member of the public present to speak.**

No members of the public were present who wished to speak.

FC 21/18 Transport and Environment Committee minutes 29 January 2018

Cllr Beardshaw drew attention to key points arising from the minutes. In particular, referring to **minute TE 08/18 Replacement Trees in High Street**, the Town Clerk had advised DBC of the unsuitability of the trees proposed and the Council's hope that native species could be procured. The response had been that at this stage of the year only the trees listed by DBC were available. If the Town Council was prepared to wait the preferred species might be obtained when trees were ordered later in the year for planting in the next season. The 1 February e-mail exchange between the Town Clerk and DBC had been circulated to Town Councillors for their comment and the consensus at that stage had been to accept the trees that could be planted now. Two councillors disagreed. Following a vote it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk should liaise with DBC to ensure that planting of the trees took place as soon as possible rather than delay further. Two councillors voted against the proposal.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2018 were then received and adopted.

FC 22/18 Play area at Normandy Drive / Dellfield

Following a recommendation made at the T & E Committee on 29 January 2018 it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should contribute £5,000 from its CIL funds towards DBC's refurbishment and upgrade of the Normandy Drive play area. The total cost will be in the region of £20,000. (TE 11/18 refers.)

FC 23/18 Statement of Internal Control

The Town Council's Statement of Internal Control dated February 2018 and circulated with the agenda was received and adopted.

FC 24/18 Speakers for Annual Town Meeting 26 April 2018

Possible speakers for the Annual Town Meeting were considered. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should approach representatives from Herts Constabulary, the Swan Youth Project and the Events Hub project team.

FC 25/18 The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed..... **Date**.....