



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Full Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday 5th August 2014 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Cllr Harvey (Mayor)
 Cllr R Tippins (Deputy Mayor)
 Cllr Clinch
 Cllr Dibben
 Cllr Hicks

Cllr Lewer
 Cllr Pestell
 Cllr Proctor
 Cllr K Tippins

Officers Present:

Interim Town Clerk

Acting Committee Services Officer

In Attendance:

DCllr Jefferson

3 Members of the public

MINUTES

The Mayor introduced and welcomed Richard Chapman, interim Town Clerk. She reported that two new members had been elected, Cllr Joseph Duthie and Cllr Simon Pritchard, but regrettably neither were available to attend the meeting that evening.

2014/56 Public Recess

Members of the public were invited to make representations to Shaftesbury Town Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. (Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960). The following matters were raised:

- Elections; That the candidates standing for election had not provided any information to the electorate relating to who they were or what they stood for. It was confirmed that it was the responsibility of the individuals to make that information available. It was asked what the cost of the election that was returned unopposed in Grosvenor Ward. It was agreed to respond with a written answer.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- Barratt Homes; It was raised that the infrastructure in Shaftesbury was already stretched and that a new developer had commenced public consultation for additional houses North East of Shaftesbury.
- External Audit; It was confirmed that the external audit questions had been responded to and the council awaited any further response from the auditor.
- Monument Report; It was agreed to provide a written response with the details of the resolution commissioning the monument report.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

2014/57 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Duthie who both had prior engagements.

2014/58 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

- a) Members and staff were reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it became apparent that they had an interest in the matters being discussed. There were none declared.
- b) No dispensation requests had been received for consideration.

2014/59 Exempt Items – Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no matters requiring the exclusion of press and public.

2014/60 Monument

- a) The Clerk's report 0814FC60a was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the independent report into the monument be **ADOPTED** and made available to the public. (*Proposed by Cllr R Tippins, seconded by Cllr Lewer*) (*Policy 0814/FC/60a*)
- b) Report 0814FC60b from the Monument Working Party relating to proposed new locations for the monument was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed to public consultation on 5 identified locations and to include an option for 'none of the above', that expenditure of up to £500 be allocated for publicity and delegated authority be provided to the Town Clerk for the method of consultation. (*Proposed by Cllr R Tippins, seconded by Cllr Lewer*) (*Policy 0814/FC/60b*)(*Statutory Authority – Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)

2014/61 Grounds Unit

The Clerk updated council on an additional unit that had become available in Shaftesbury. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a tenancy of the newly identified unit at the Wincombe Business Park. (*Policy 0814/FC/61*) (*Statutory Authority – Local Government Act 1972. S111*)

Public Recess

- Queen Mothers Garden; That it could benefit from a facelift and it was enquired whether the Rangers had an undertaking to work on the hedge.
- Neighbourhood Plan. That the Chamber of Commerce had received a presentation and it was advised that a presentation would be made to Council on 2nd September 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8pm.