



## **BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 immediately following the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW**

#### **Present – Councillors:**

Brian Blewett  
Adrian Collett (from 8.34pm)  
Dave Lister  
Terry Hunt  
Trish Monks (Chair)  
Sara Usher

#### **In attendance:**

Jo Shaw (Town Clerk)

#### **C5157 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bob Harward.

#### **C5158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Councillor declarations of interest.

#### **C5159 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from Councillors.

#### **C5160 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES**

No questions or comments were received from members of the public.

#### **C5161 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

##### **a) To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

##### **b) Matters Arising**

**C5149 Blackwater Planters** – The Town Clerk reported that documentation to renew the licence had been returned to Hart District Council.

#### **C5162 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Trish Monks reported the:

**Traveller Transit Sites** – a letter had been written to the Head of Place, Hart District Council requesting information on their intentions with regard to Traveller Transit sites.

**Cadet Corps Proposal** – email discussions were ongoing following correspondence received asking about the possibility of starting a youth Cadet Corps at the Town Council facilities.

**Hawley Fayre** – that correspondence had been received from the Hawley Fayre Committee requesting discussions on the future of Hawley Fayre.

*Councillor Adrian Collett joined the meeting.*

## **C5163 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES**

**Police Liaison Meeting** – Councillor Brian Blewett reported that he had attended the meeting at Yateley Police station on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Flood Forum** – Councillors Brian Blewett and Adrian Collett had attended the recent meeting where Thames Water revealed issues relating to a collapsed drain in gardens at Kingsway which were being investigated.

## **C5164 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

- The Minutes of the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were received.
- The Minutes of the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were received.

## **C5165 FINANCE**

### **1. Detailed Income and Expenditure Reports 28/02/2023**

Councillors noted the contents of the I&E Report for the period ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **2. Bank – Cash Investment Reconciliation as at 28/02/2023**

Councillors noted the contents of the bank reconciliation report dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## **C5166 BLACKWATER BUZZ**

Councillors noted the contents of the article submitted by the Town Clerk for the April 2023 edition of the Blackwater Buzz.

## **C5167 CORONATION EVENTS**

The Town Clerk reported that following successful organization, the following events would take place:

- Screen to watch the Coronation Service on sports field with tea and cake
- Big Picnic lunch, all residents invited with DJ
- Volunteer Fayre on Monday

## **C5168 PARISH SIGNAGE**

Councillor Collett informed Council that County Councillor Grants were available for issues that would benefit local communities, and this included for signage. Councillors considered layouts and positioning to replace the two signs on the A30 into Blackwater.

### **RESOLVED**

1. Councillors request Hampshire County Council to replace the two signs on the A30 into Blackwater
2. That the sign should include the name of the Town Council, the Council logo and 'Welcome to Blackwater'.
3. That signage and wording for other roads into the Parish be considered following the election period.

## **C5169 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION**

**Hawley Park Repairs** – The Town Clerk was asked to follow up contractor repair dates.

Signed Chair .....

**Cemetery** – the Town Clerk reported that several queries in connection with tree maintenance of the perimeter trees had been received. Councillors to visit the cemetery and discuss at a future Council meeting.

**C5170 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was advisable that the public and press were temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw for remaining items on the Agenda.

**C5171 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

**C5172 MATTERS ARISING**

**C5173 COTTAGE RENTAL**

**C5174 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION**

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Signed Chair .....