



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2024**

Present: Cllr Foxall Cllr Sanford Cllr Roberts
Cllr Baker Cllr Stroud Cllr Harrison
Cllr Thornhill Cllr Shankland Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Rymer

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), District Cllr Vann, 1 x MOP

254 23/24 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Dutton, County Cllr Morris. These were accepted.

255 23/24 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
None

256 23/24 To approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12th March 2024
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12th March 2024. Proposed Cllr Stroud, seconded Cllr Shankland – all in favour.

25723/24 Clerks'/Chairman's report

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting and covered:-

- Bi-election - New Councillor elected uncontested with another election to be arranged as there a vacancy still remains. Order place for the Toddler area equipment & Solar Lighting maintenance contract - done
- CCTV camera installed in the youth room as part of safeguarding measure. Funded with grant received from Police & Crime Commissioners fund.
- Order confirmed for Christmas market stalls with new contractor.

No report from the Chairman

258 23/24 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – there is a 10-minute time limit) if members of the public are present.
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – all in favour
No questions from the MOP

259 23/24 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.
It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following public participation – all in favour.

260 23/24 Chairman's Announcements
None

261 23/24 To consider correspondence received (for information only emailed)

Correspondence circulated throughout the month by e-mail

262 23/24 To receive report from District Councillor/County Councillors (e-mailed).

Cllr Vann had circulated a report relating to planning issues. These to be discussed at the Planning meeting next week. Cllr Vann also raised two other matters:-

- The noticeboard on the wall in the Market Square requires some attention.

ACTION: Clerk to inspect and report to Council

- The website – required some updating – Further details to be given to the Clerk for attention.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain further information from Cllr Vann and to update website as required.

**263 23/24 To receive other reports: -
Project Working Groups: -**

- **Community Building** – Cllr Foxall reported that there has been some progress with requested feedback having been received from one of the sporting groups affected.
- **Transport Plan** - Cllr Shankland reported that she is still awaiting an update on progress with the TRO. The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from Glos. streetlighting regarding lighting on Cirencester Road, Fairford. Further details to follow.
- **Fairford to Lechlade Path** – Cllr Thornhill reported that a Grant has been approved for the first stage of this project.
- **Burial Ground** – The Clerk's report which will be held alongside these minutes, details work that has been carried out in the New burial ground. Legal documents awaited.
- **CHS playing field** – Cllr Thornhill and the Clerk's met with an engineer from Thames water to discuss how best to install a water supply to the site. Engineer to submit report with details and costs.

264 23/24 To receive reports from meetings attended or any other reports

Cllr Sanford reported that she had attended a History Society meeting. Chris Hobson is reviewing the last version of the Town booklet with a view to updating this. Support from the council has already been approved.

FINANCE

265 23/24 To receive report from Chair of Finance Committee

None

266 23/24 To approve retrospectively payments for March 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments for March 2024 (£22655.11). Proposed Cllr O'Connell, seconded Cllr Stroud – all in favour.

267 23/24 To consider and agree Reconciliation Report at Year End.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree Reconciliation Report at Year End. Proposed Cllr Shankland, seconded Cllr Thornhill – all in favour.

268 23/24 To receive Income & Expenditure figures at Year End.

The Income & Expenditure figures were received with no comment.

PLANNING

- 269 23/24 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th March and 2nd April (unapproved)**
The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 19th March and 2nd April were received with no comment.
- 270 23/24 To receive report from Chair of Planning**
The Chair of Planning had circulated his report prior to the meeting. He also reported that a letter has been sent to the Secretary of State asking that the application for a small development at Faulkner's Close is "called-in", due to way that this application has been dealt with given the strength of feeling for this application to be refused and the potential setting of a harmful precedence to other open spaces in the town. Cllr thanked Cllr Harrison for his hard work in preparing this letter and collating all relevant information for submission to the Secretary of State.

WORKS & EVENTS

- 271 23/24 To receive the Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 26th March 2024 (unapproved)**
The Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 26th March were received with no comment.
- 272 23/24 To receive a report from the Chair of the Works & Events Committee**
Cllr O'Connell reported that the work on the installation of the EV charging points have commenced but have not been completed. The Toddler area refurbishment has been signed off and work will commence when the equipment is available at the suppliers. Cllr O'Connell also reminded Cllrs that the flags are due to go up on Sunday 21st April and asked for assistance from all available Cllrs.

ACTION: Flags to be

- 273 23/24 Update on youthwork project.**
The grant from the National Lottery has been agreed and will be released as soon as the final documents have been signed off.

OTHER MATTERS

- 274 23/24 Anything the Chair considers urgent.**
Nil of note
- 275 23/24 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th May 2024 (Annual Meeting of the Town Council)**

IN CAMERA

- 276 23/24 To receive nominations for Citizen of the Year and to select a winner. 3 x nominations were received for Citizen of the Year**
Alison & Chris Hobson – History Society
John Read – Choral Society, PPG, W4W, Community Centre restoration
Celia Kennedy – Setting up the Bereavement Café
Cllr Roberts pointed out that Alison Hobson had already won this award, but Chris had not.
Following a ballot it was **RESOLVED** to award John Read the Citizen of the Year award for 2024 with a vote of 7 to 3 in favour.
- 1 x nomination received for Albert Alder award**
Nigel North – litter picking around the town for many years.

As Mr. North was the only nominee he will be contacted to see if he would accept the award as it had been noted that he was reluctant to receive any kind of recognition. It was **RESOLVED** to award Mr. North the Albert Alder Award in principle subject to his agreement. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr O'Connell – for both awards.
Winner/s will be given their awards at the ATM on the 23rd May 2024.

277 23/24 To consider and agree to sign off the Grant release document relating to the multi-use path.

A grant has been received relating to the multi-use path. This is to be signed off by the Chairman. Cllr Foxall explained that this will be given to Lechlade as the 1st phase is commencing in Lechlade and will follow through to Fairford. This forms the Southern path. Agreement is required so that the funds can be released. It was **RESOLVED** that the Grant release document is signed. Proposed Cllr Thornhill, seconded Cllr O'Connell – all in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

.....**Chairman**

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