

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.05 PM AT THE
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, 7 ANGEL HILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

PRESENT: Cllrs Speed (Chairman - in the chair for agenda items 1-8), F Warby (Vice Chairman - in the Chair from item 9 until the close of the meeting), Augustine, Everitt, D Hind, K Hind, Hopfensperger, Nettleton, Rout, P Warby and Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Luton (Town Clerk), Sue Hindry (Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotments and Administrative Assistant), Jill Macready (Bury St Edmunds Water Meadows Group), Martyn Taylor (Bury Society), Richard Summers (Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership), Sgt Angela Puiy (Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team) and a reporter from the Bury Free Press.

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

An overview was given.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS THEREFORE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chung (unwell), Hailstone (family commitments), Murray (prior engagement), Rayner (conflicting appointment), Springett (work meeting) and Thompson (out of the country).

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST + ADDITIONS TO REGISTERS

All Borough Councillors when sitting at Town Council level (and vice versa) are advised to declare as follows: "that I may vote differently at Borough Council (*substitute Town Council as and when required*) level from that recorded at this meeting because of the possibility of further information being made available to me at that other tier of local government". Cllrs Everitt, D Hind, Hopfensperger, Nettleton, Rout, Speed, F Warby and P Warby declared a local non-pecuniary interest as Borough Councillors. Cllr D Hind declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 as a subscription-paying member of the Bury St Edmunds Water Meadows Group.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN APPLICATION BY A MEMBER FOR A DISPENSATION RELIEVING THE MEMBER FROM EITHER OR BOTH OF THE RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 31(4) OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 IN CASES DESCRIBED IN THE DISPENSATION AND SPECIFY THE PERIOD FOR WHICH ANY DISPENSATION SO GRANTED HAS EFFECT

None.

5. TO CONFIRM, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES 28 NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Resolution Record. **BSETC/95/12/Dec/18:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting of 28 November 2018 be amended to reflect that the annual total cost of funding the provision of two Police Community Support Officers in Bury St Edmunds is £68,000.

Resolution Record. **BSETC/96/12/Dec/18:**

That the minutes of the 28 November 2018 meeting, as amended, be agreed and signed as a true record.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Council was asked to apply for Borough status or re-instate the title of Mayor of Bury St Edmunds. Sgt Puiy introduced herself and gave an update on the recent changes to the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team. A representative from the Bury Water Meadows Group spoke in connection with its respective grant funding application being considered later on in this agenda. An overview was given regarding the work of the Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership, which now has 30 partners and 30 associates, including its plans.

7. TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE 2019/2020 BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROJECTIONS

The draft budget was discussed.

Resolution Record. **BSETC/97/12/Dec/18:**

That the following new budget lines be added to the 2019/2020 budget: (1) Insurance valuations of Civic Regalia - £500; (2) Mayoral/Civic events - £15,000; (3) Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership Millennium Celebrations 2020 - £5,000 and (4) Office relocation expenses - £8,000.

8. TO FURTHER DISCUSS TOWN COUNCIL MAYORAL COMMITMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

A general discussion took place. There was concern about the level of resourcing and that if the Town Council took on the responsibility it would need to be done well.

Cllrs Everitt and Speed left the meeting at 8.18pm.

9. TO NOTE THE CLERK'S REPORT

Meetings had been held with the Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Ian Gallin Joint Chief Executive for Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Chief Inspector Andy Pursehouse of Suffolk Constabulary.

10. TO RECEIVE A FURTHER UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL OFFICE MOVE TO THE GUILDHALL

Negotiations continue and draft Heads of Terms are being drawn up.

11. TO CONSIDER INVESTIGATING THE COSTS OF A MEMORIAL ON HARDWICK HEATH TO CELEBRATE 70 YEARS SINCE THE CLOSURE OF THE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP ON THE HEATH - CLLR HOPFENSBERGER

This proposal was discussed. It was suggested that a memorial could both commemorate the 70 years since the closure of the camp and celebrate the contribution that so many of the people previously held in the camp, went on to make to the town. Views both for and against the proposal were heard.

12. TO CONSIDER A GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FROM BURY ST EDMUNDS WATER MEADOWS GROUP FOR £1,560 IN RESPECT OF THE RAM MEADOW PROJECT INCLUDING WILDFLOWER PLANTING, INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CHANGE

Resolution Record. **BSETC/98/12/Dec/18:**

That the Bury St Edmunds Water Meadows Group be awarded £1,560 in respect of the Ram Meadow project including wildflower planting, interpretive signage and community-based proposals for further change.

13. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2018 PAYMENTS LIST

Resolution Record. **BSETC/99/12/Dec/18:**

That the December 2018 payments list as tabled be approved.

Cllr Nettleton left the meeting at 8.34 pm.

14. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN (IF ANY) OF THE PLANNING, LICENSING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 28 NOVEMBER 2018

Resolution Record. **BSETC/100/12/Dec/18:**

That the minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Finance committee meeting of 28 November 2018 be received.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 7 pm.**

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____