

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7:00 PM AT THE
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, 7 ANGEL HILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

PRESENT: Cllrs Speed (Chairman), F Warby (Vice Chairman), Barrett, Chung, Hailstone, D Hind, K Hind, Murray, Rayner, Rout, Springett, P Warby and Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT: Julia Dyball (Town Clerk), Sue Hindry (Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), 1 reporter from the East Anglian Daily Times.

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

An overview was given regarding the matter of forming a five year action plan as part of the deliberations on the Council year ahead and setting the precept.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS THEREFORE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Augustine (work commitments), Cockle (unwell) and Thompson (prior meeting). Cllr Everitt was absent.

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 Chung, Hailstone, D Hind, Rayner, Rout, Springett, Speed, F Warby and P Warby declared a local non-pecuniary interest as a Borough Councillor.

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: MEETING 18 NOVEMBER 2015

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/121/16/Dec/15:**

That the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 18 November 2015 be agreed and signed as a true record.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

7. CLERK'S REPORT FOR NOTING

Noted.

8. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2015 FINAL PAYMENTS LIST

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/122/16/Dec/15:**

That the November 2015 Final payments list as tabled be approved

9. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN (IF ANY) OF THE PLANNING, LICENSING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF:

9.1 18 November 2015

9.2 02 December 2015

The Chairman moved the adoption of these reports (there were no recommendations).

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/123/16/Dec/15:**

That the Minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Finance committee meetings of 18 November 2015 and 02 December 2015 be received.

10. TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING THE SUM OF £3,000 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OURBURYSTEDMUNDS, ST EDMUNDSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS IN THE TOWN, TOWARDS THE COST OF BRINGING A TEMPORARY ICE RINK TO CHARTER SQUARE BURY ST EDMUNDS TO PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND ATTRACTION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BURY ST EDMUNDS AND OTHERS VISITING THE TOWN

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/124/16/Dec/15:**

That grant funding in the sum of £3,000 be awarded towards the cost of the temporary ice rink to Charter Square to provide a Christmas recreational facility and attraction for the residents of Bury St Edmunds and others visiting the Town.

11. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY AND ADOPT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IT MAKES IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF A VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGN AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY £3,000 AND A NUMBER OF SUPPORT POSTS AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY £150 EACH AND THE PROVISION OF REQUISITE SAFETY ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT FOR VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN MOVING THE SIGN TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND TO ENTER INTO A FACILITATING AGREEMENT WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE TO BE ADOPTED BY COUNCILLORS AND VOLUNTEERS (IF ANY) INVOLVED IN SUCH SCHEME

The report of the working party was given verbally. Members were asked to put forward possible locations in their Wards where the VAS sign might be sited to the Clerk. Consideration of Abbeygate ward's needs would be included on the next Full Council agenda and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Suffolk would be invited to answer questions about enforcement at the January/February 2016 Full Council meeting.

All members were invited to attend the next working party meeting.

12. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S ADOPTED ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY)

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/125/16/Dec/15:**

That (1) a Nationwide Business Instant Saver account be opened with £75,000 from the Base Rate Reward Savings Account and (2) the Responsible Financial Officer, in consultation with the Council Chairman, be given delegated authority to invest funds to achieve the optimum return on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity and in complete compliance with the Council's adopted Annual Investment Strategy.

13. TO CONSIDER AND FORMULATE A PRECEPT STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

The discussion centred on becoming a stronger Council, delivering more for its residents.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/126/16/Dec/15:**

That a working party be set up to formulate recommendations for possible areas of activity as part of a five point plan for 2016-2017 and a 5 year vision, to be considered at the January 2016 Full Council meeting; the members of the working party to comprise Cllrs Barrett, K Hind, Murray, Rout, F Warby and Speed.

14. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION

Members would respond as individuals.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting: **Precept meeting Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 7pm.**

The meeting ended at 8.34 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____