



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CORONERS COURTROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN
AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2019**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor (Councillor D Little) (In the Chair)
 Councillors Mrs J Bennett
 T Berry
 C J Brewer
 M C Freeman
 K Henderson
 Mrs L Henderson
 Mrs V Higgs
 R Lloyd
 Mrs N Martin
 M A Salter
 D Sheppard
 Mrs J Sheppard
 Mrs G M Smith
 N Thomas
 H Williams

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Rogers.

110. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

112. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor's engagements were circulated and noted.

**113. PARKS COMMITTEE – TO RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN
MINUTE NOS. 24 AND 25 OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 22ND JANUARY 2019**

The Chairman presented the minutes and these were agreed.



114. FINANCE COMMITTEE - TO RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN MINUTE NO. 15 OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

The Treasurer took Members through the report and highlighted the following:

The budget showed a surplus balance of £52,580 for the year 2019/20 which was in line with what Councillors had agreed. It was noted that in April 2016 there was a surplus of £119K. There were a few factors of unexpected costs during the previous year and these included, the withdrawal of the Council Tax Compensation Grant, the Town Council taking over the Riverside Padding Pool from WFDC, increase in hours for the new Town Clerk, lack of tenants in the office units and manual staff not being on correct salary scales.

It was proposed and agreed that a 6.44% increase in the precept would be made which represented a £1.90 increase in a Band D property. The Treasurer advised members that a similar-sized increase in the precept may be required in 12 months time.

In response to a Member query, it was reported that the budget for the tree inspection arrangement was a Service Level Agreement with WFDC and the Playground inspection arrangement was in place with Wicksteed.

It was also stated that that the £7,000 reported in the 2018/19 budget for toilets had not been used and would be allocated for other budget items in 2019/20.

The Mayor proposed that the budget of £2,700 for grant donations be reallocated to each individual councillor to donate to charities/organisations as they wished but it was decided that the Grants Committee would look at this.

The Town Clerk reported that the 01299 telephone number for the Town Council was costing the Council approximately £1,000 per year whereas the 01562 number which was part of the IT SLA cost approximately £40 per year. A discussion took place and it was agreed to phase out the number.

The treasurer left the meeting at 7.20pm.

115. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Consideration was given to consultations by the District Council on the following applications for planning permission, and it was RESOLVED that the District Council be informed of the Town Council response to each consultation, as set out below:-

- a. **WF.18/0781/FULL** – Demolish existing garage and replace with single storey garage along with alterations to access and provisions of gates at 26 Dunley Road, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 0AX.

Recommend Approval.



- b. **WF.19/0019/FULL** – Demolition of garage and erection of a two-bed bungalow with associated parking and amenity space at 85A Areley Common, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 0NG.

Withdrawn.

- c. **WF.19/0023/FULL** - Demolition of garage and erection of detached building to provide ancillary accommodation for dependant relative at 11 Burlish Crossing, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8QA.

Recommend Approval.

- d. **WF.19/0037/S73** – Variation of condition 2 of 17/0104/RESE to allow amendments to the position of dwellings and other associated changes including relocation of footpath link at Vale Road Car Park, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8YJ.

Refused.

- e. **WF.19/0041/FULL** – Proposed two storey side extension, porch and bay window at 76 Mostyn Road, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8PN.

Recommend Approval.

- f. **WF.19/0052/FULL** – Two storey extension and proposed detached garage at 2 Bullus Road, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 9DG.

Recommend Approval.

- g. **WF.19/0054/FULL** – Change of use of land from leisure centre & associated parking to a touring caravan site with associated reception building and infrastructure at former Stourport Sports Club, Harold Davies Drive Stourport-on-Severn DY13 0AA.

Deferred.

- h. **WF.19/0058/FULL** – Erection of part two storey, part single storey front extension at 110 Abberley Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 0LU.

Deferred

- i. **WF.19/0059/FULL** – Erection of first floor side extension at 22 The Birches, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 9NN.

Deferred.

- j. **WF.19/0071/TREE** – Fell sycamore at 32 Dunley Road, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 0AX.

Deferred.



116. ARISING FROM CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Noted.

117. DECISIONS ON PAST PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had been circulated with a list of the decisions of the District Council in respect of past planning applications and, it was **RESOLVED** that the list be noted.

118. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR MRS N MARTIN ON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Councillor Mrs N Martin stated that she would be inviting PC Maher to the next Town Council Meeting.

It was noted that Inspector Jacob Wright was leaving his role as the Wyre Forest Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Inspector to take up another position within the police and Councillors wished to put on records their thanks.

119. VISIT BY COUNCILLORS TO ENVIROSORT, PERSHORE

Councillor K Henderson informed Members he had attended the EnviroSort site at Pershore and felt that it would be beneficial for all councillors to attend. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact EnviroSort to arrange a visit.

120. ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk reported that Accounts for January totalling £42,557.85 had been paid since the last meeting and it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and approved. A Schedule of the Accounts paid was appended at the end of these Minutes, in the Council's Minute Book, and was available for general inspection.

121. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Town Mayor

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.