



**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 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor (Councillor K Henderson) (In the Chair)
 Councillors T Berry
 Mrs B S Dawes
 M Freeman
 Mrs J Griffiths
 Mrs L Henderson
 Mrs V Higgs
 B Jones
 D Little
 R Lloyd
 Mrs N Martin
 D C Russell
 D Sheppard
 G Talbot
 H Williams

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs C Barnett, C Rogers and J Thomas.

49. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Berry declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.
Councillor Mrs B S Dawes declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor M Freeman declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor K Henderson declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor Mrs L Henderson declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor B Jones declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor D Little declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor D C Russell declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.



Councillor G Talbot declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

Councillor H Williams declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in agenda item no. 5d.

51. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor's engagements were circulated and noted. The Mayor reported that Stourport carnival on 7th September 2019 had been a fantastic day and approximately £2,500 has been collected.

52. 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.19/0489/TRE** – Works: Common Lime (T1) – Reduce high and lateral limbs to limit sail area. The height of the tree should be reduced by 5m (30% of crown cover) and lateral reduction 1.3m (30% of lateral branches), re-shape canopy following these parameters back to suitable growth points. To remove epicormical growth from the stem and branches to allow for future tree assessments at 31 Areley Court, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0AR

Recommend Approval

- b. **WF.19/0495/FULL** – Erection of new production/storage building to replace demolished structure (variation to scheme approved under 15/0219/FULL) at Morgan Technical Ceramics, Morgan Drive, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8DW.

Recommend Approval.

- c. **WF.19/0499/FULL** – Single storey rear and first floor side dormer extension at 151 Windermere Way, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8QH.-

Recommend Approval.

- d. **WF.19/0515/FULL** – Change of use from natural health centre (D1) to Office (B1a) ground floor only at 28 Bewdley Road North, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8PS.

Recommend Approval.

- e. **WF.19/0516/FULL** – Development of 2no two bed bungalows and associated parking at Land Adj 131 Redstone Lane, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0JN.

Deferred.

- f. **WF.19/0518/OUT** – Outline consent for erection of 2 no dwellings with all matters reserved at Land Adj To 28 Martley Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0NH.

Recommend Refusal.



- g. **WF.19/0543/FULL** – Proposed single storey side lab extension at Lombard Lodge, Worcester Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9BZ.

Recommend Approval.

- h. **WF.19/0546/TCA** – Fell 3 x Sycamore trees at 108 Prospect Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9DF.

Deferred.

53. ARISING FROM CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Noted.

54. 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.

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

Councillor Mrs Martin had met with the police and they were concentrating on the following areas:

- Under age drinking at the bottom of Stourport Town Centre
- Speeding. In September and October 2019, they were making a presence in a few hot spots in the town centre.
- Promoting water safety.

Statistics had been supplied for Stourport for the month of July 2019 and these were as follows:

Antisocial Behaviour	78 arrests
Burglary	9 arrests
Drug issues	5 arrests
Violent/Domestic	54 arrests
Shoplifting	5 arrests
Alcohol related	11 arrests
Stop and Search	6 arrests

This was a total of 209 arrests which represented approximately 1% of Stourport residents.

Council welcomed the statistics but asked how this compared to Kidderminster. Councillor Mrs Martin would ask for this information.

An incident had occurred on carnival day outside the Crown public house but it was reported that it was not a Stourport resident.



56. SET UP OF WORKING PARTY FOR THE LOCALISM AGENDA

A Localism Working Party was set up and consisted of the following Members:

Councillor T Berry
Councillor Mrs V Higgs
Councillor Mrs N Martin
Councillor H Williams

The Clerk advised that a meeting was due to be held on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 3pm with officers from Wyre Forest District Council.

57. FINANCE MINUTES – 6TH AUGUST 2019

The minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th August 2019 were approved.

58. CIVIC HALL UPDATE

The Town Clerk advised Council that no planning permission was required for the Civic Hall to put up 3 external AO notice boards on the outside of the building.

She also reported that a request had been received from the Civic Hall Group that when the lease is up for renewal in 2021, was it possible to have a 20 year lease as this would assist them with obtaining charity money.

A discussion was held and the Town Clerk was asked to obtain legal advice before a decision was made.

59. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Mrs Martin advised Members that she had attended, with the Town Clerk, a very interesting training session at the County Association of Local Councils (CALC) offices on Neighbourhood Plans and it might be something the Town Council should be looking at. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Town Clerk contact CALC for a meeting.

60. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON STOURPORT FORWARD

The Town Clerk advised Council that Stourport Forward had confirmed that they would like a Town Council representative on the board of Stourport Forward. It was agreed that Councillor Rogers be the representative.

61. VILLAGE GATES

Councillor Berry informed Members that the Police and Crime Commissioner was helping to fund village gates and Councillor Rogers was trying to get some installed in Wilden.



62. SEVERN TROW FOR STOURPORT

Councillor Little informed Members that he had attended 2 meetings regarding a boat that had been built for the Queens jubilee. A group had been set up and were looking for funding. After a discussion, the Council agreed that although it was a good project, it would cost too much in maintenance and the Town Council did not have any funds available.

63. ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk reported that Accounts for July totalling £53,971.86 and for August totalling £23,063.69 had been paid since the last meeting and it was RESOLVED that the reports 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.

64. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Town Mayor

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.