

## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr Lynn Jones (Mayor) – Chairman

**Councillors:**

Carl Busby  
Aiden Ramsey  
Alan Knape  
Mark Wesley  
Dawn Branigan  
Malcolm Ogle  
Lynne Taylor  
Peter Luke  
Maureen Luke  
Wendy Randall

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer / Town Clerk  
Sarah Fox – Committee Secretary  
Chris Baldwin – Mace Bearer

3 Members of the Public  
0 Member of the Press

### OPEN FORUM.

A resident of the town asked which organisation was responsible for organising the Remembrance Day event. The Clerk advised the event was funded by the Town Council and organised in partnership with the Royal British Legion and the Holy Cross Church. The resident then advised his disappointment with the uniforms worn by the drum corps and questioned the decision to appoint two buglers for the 'Last Post'. The Clerk advised that the Town Council had not been made aware of the use of two buglers and that she would investigate and advise.

### TC1811.1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies from Cllr Ron Fox, Ted Nicholl, Karen Tweedale, Katie Thurston, Mike Arnold and Rebecca Helm.

### TC1811.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

### TC1811.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Apologies received from Northamptonshire Councillor Richard Auger.

### TC1811.4 SECTION CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

#### (i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Members noted the reports from the sponsored PSCO and Town Ranger and gave their support for the Ranger to continue to attend training courses on the issuing of fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and littering.



**(ii) CCTV.**

The Clerk advised the report on CCTV performance and activities for October 2018 had not been received.

**(iii) JOINT ACTION GROUP (JAG).**

Members received a report from the Clerk on her attendance to the JAG meeting and highlighted to members that the group's name had reverted to the Hate and Anti-social Behaviour Group (HASBAG).

**TC1811.5 MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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**TC1811.6 COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Finance and Policy Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018</li><li>(ii) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018</li></ul> <p>Be received.</p> <p>That the following recommendations be approved:</p> <p>Finance &amp; Policy Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 ref FP1818.6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) That the Data Protection Policy be approved.</li><li>(ii) That the recommendation to approve the Council Budget and Precept proposals for 2019/2020 be considered under Agenda Item TC1811.8</li><li>(iii) That the recommendation to approve the earmarked reserves proposals for 2019/2020 be considered under Agenda Item TC1811.9</li></ul>
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**TC1811.7 PROPOSED UNITARY STRUCTURE FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

The Clerk referred to her report and her meeting with Ian Vincent, Chief Executive Daventry District Council and Simon Bowers, Business Manager Daventry District Council, and advised that as there had been no indication of further talks to enable the transfer of assets or devolution of services a further meeting had been arranged to include members from both the Town Council and the District Council. The Chair, Cllr Jones and Cllr Taylor and Cllr Nicholl were appointed via the Finance and Policy Committee (as per delegated powers TC1809.7) to attend the meeting scheduled Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**TC1811.8 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019/2020.**

Members considered the Council Budget and Precept for the financial year 2019/20, Cllr Peter Luke expressed disappointment in the predicted percentage increase on the precept. The Clerk advised that percentages weren't a good measure of increase as they would appear greater in a lesser budget.

Members referred to the report and sympathised with the views held by those members who were concerned with the increase and debated the need to ensure the Council was in a strong financial position to negotiate the transfer of assets or devolution of services in the event of a unitary authority.

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Cllr Taylor referred to the efficient budget process which enabled full consideration and debate, as detailed in the report, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the budget of £566693 for the financial year 2019/20 be approved. That the precept of £555243 for the financial year 2019/20 be approved.
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**TC1811.9 EARMARKED RESERVES 2019/2020.**

Member considered the report, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the earmarked reserves of £2000 for the financial year 2019/20 be approved.
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**TC1811.10 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LARGER COUNCILS' PARTNERSHIP (NLCP).**

The Clerk advised of her attendance along with Cllr Taylor on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 to the NLCP meeting which was to advise of the process of transition from Districts/Boroughs to two Unitary authorities. Cllr Taylor gave a brief overview. The Clerk advised she would circulate a copy of the presentation on receipt.

**TC1811.11 CORRESPONDENCE.**

- (i) Members noted the email received from Daventry Cycling Club, thanking the Town Council for grant awarded.
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- (iii) Members noted the letter received from G Holloway, Flight Lieutenant RAFAC, thanking Town Council for presentation on his retirement from ATC and Parade Master for Remembrance Day Parade.
- (iv) Members noted the receipt of numerous letters, emails and social media posts praising and thanking Daventry Museum for the Empty Chair Project.
- (v) The Clerk advised that she had received an email advising the Town and Parish meeting would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December and that two representatives were able to attend and that a District Wide question could be submitted. Cllr Taylor advised that she would be happy to attend the meeting along with the Clerk. Members concurred that the Council should submit a question on transfer of assets and devolution of services.

**TC1811.12 MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS.**

Members noted the report on the Mayoral activates for November 2018.

**TC1811.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Date of next meeting Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The meeting closed at 19:09

SIGNED           *L. Jones*           DATED           17/12/18