

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held via Video Conference on Zoom on Monday, 27th April 2020 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Arnold (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillors:

Carl Busby
Dawn Branigan
Matthew Churchley
Lynn Jones
Alan Knape
Maureen Luke
Peter Luke
Ted Nicholl
Malcolm Ogle
Wendy Randall
Lynne Taylor
John Tippet
Karen Tweedale
Katie Thurston
Mark Wesley

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)
Sarah Fox – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
Mel Bland – Operations Officer (OO)

2 Members of the Public
0 Member of the Press

OPEN FORUM

None.

TC2006.1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies from Cllr Ron Fox.

TC2006.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

TC2006.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Cllr Auger made members aware of his regular updates from Northamptonshire Community Resilience in relation to the coronavirus and latest developments in changes to local government in Northamptonshire. He informed members that he had received concerns from residents in relation to waste collection operatives not using face coverings and advised that face coverings had been made available to all operatives but it was not compulsory for them to be worn. Cllr Auger advised members that another main area of concern was the closure of recycling centres and the subsequent increase in fly tipping and told members that before centre's could be reopened the County Council had to consider issues with traffic potentially impacting the surrounding highways and provision had to be made to operate and ensure social distancing could be maintained.

TC2006.4 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 24 th February 2020, the Special Meeting of Town Council on Monday 2 nd March 2020 and the Special Meeting of Town Council on Friday 20 th March 2020, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2006.5 COMMITTEE MINUTES.

- (i) Community Service Committee 2nd March 2020

Members received the recommendations from the Community Services Committee held on 2nd March 2020 and concurred that that were supportive of the Town Council committing to honour the Armed Forces Community and it was referred to the recommendation from the Community Services Committee to look at the feasibility of installing the Christmas Lights early November with the possibility of turning them off for remembrance, members concurred that they were not supportive of the lights being installed before remembrance and armistice.

Members referred to the recommendation for looking into the feasibility of an early installation of the Christmas lights and concurred that they were not supportive of the lights being installed prior to the remembrance and armistice period.

RESOLVED:	<p>That the recommendation from the Community Service Committee on 2nd March 2020 be approved;</p> <p><i>Reference CS2002.6 - Armed Forces Covenant</i></p> <p>That the Town Council commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community.</p> <p>That the recommendation from the Community Service Committee on 2nd March 2020 <u>not</u> be approved;</p> <p><i>Reference CS2002.7 – Town Events</i></p> <p>That the Chief Officer looks at the feasibility of installation of the Christmas Lights early November and the possibility of turning them off for the remembrance Parade and Armistice Period.</p>
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RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of</p> <p>(ii) Planning & Development Committee – 4th March 2020.</p> <p>(iii) Finance & Policy Committee – 9th March 2020.</p> <p>(iiii) Finance & Policy Committee – 14th April 2020.</p> <p>Be received.</p> <p>That the recommendations from the Finance and Policy Committee on 9th March 2020 be approved;</p> <p><i>Reference FP2002.6 – Policies</i></p> <p>(i) Asset Register, be approved,</p> <p>(ii) Sponsorship Policy, be approved.</p> <p>(iii) Treasury Policy, be approved.</p>
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TC2006.6 OPERATIONAL UPDATE.

The Chief Officer referred to the report, previously circulated.

The Chief Officer further advised that the Communications Officer and Events Officer were working with the Retail Forum to promote the VE Day Stay at Home Party, and retailers were planning to commemorate the day by dressing their shop windows and encouraging residents to do the same at home. Members welcomed and encouraged collaboration with the Retail Forum on projects that benefited the Town.

The Chief Officer informed members that Daventry Market was currently suspended, and the date for re-opening would be based on changes in government guidance.

The Chief Officer notified members that the Town Council, via the Operations Officer, had been working in partnership with Daventry District Council on a Local Resilience project, to support residents that are unable to leave their homes with food packages and collection/delivery of essential items such as prescriptions. The Town Council was also promoting the NorthantsTogether helpline number and referred to the District Council's request to facilitate the delivery of leaflets to all households in the Town, advising of this service.

Cllr Wesley raised concerns with volunteers delivering leaflets when government advice was to stay at home, only go out for essentials and social distancing and suggested they were delivered via Royal Mail. The Chief Officer advised the earliest the Royal Mail could deliver was 7th May 2020.

Members concurred that, due to current Government guidelines, the Town Council continue to promote the number via social media and explore other options, with Daventry District Council for the delivery of the County Council's leaflet.

The Chief Officer advised that the purchase of 3 New Street was moving forward and the expected timescale for completion was mid-May.

TC2006.7 TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES FROM DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL TO DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL.

The Chief Officer advised that the transfer of assets and devolution of services from Daventry District Council to Daventry Town Council had been delayed due to the complexity of some of the land transfers and the DaventryNorse Agreement.

The CO informed members of the addition of street lighting on the Middlemore site, and was seeking confirmation on the adoption of this lighting, by Highways. Cllr Wesley raised concerns with the expense that would be involved with taking on the street lighting, on the Middlemore site and concurred these assets should be the responsibility of Highways/County Council.

TC2006.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DA/2020/0246; 6 Foundry Walk, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4PN - Change of use of First Floor from Class A1 to Class C3, Residential Unit, Provision of Two Roof Lights. Construction of Bin and Bike Store.

Members reviewed the aforementioned planning application and concurred that the proposed change of use from a shop to a dwelling with no provision for parking would cause further parking issues in the Town. This issue had been evidenced from previous similar planning applications being approved on the suggestion that the inhabitants of the property would not own a vehicle but use other forms of transportation, which in reality was not a realistic statement.

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council submits an objection to the change of use as there is no provision for parking and the town car parks are now providing a high percentage of parking for residential properties in the town, severely restricting parking for visitors to the town. Previous planning applications have suggested people who reside in town properties do not own cars, but on a recent night-time survey this is clearly evidenced as not to be the case. Parking is becoming an issue in the town and if action is not taken the retail and leisure element will no longer be able to operate profitably.
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DA/2020/0244; Phase 4B Monksmoor Park, Welton Lane, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 2JD - Reserved Matters Application (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale) For the Construction of 43 Dwellings with Associated Access Routes, Landscaping, Open Space and Drainage (Revised Scheme).

Members reviewed the planning application and it was

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council submits no objection in principle and would support planning officer's advice.
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DA/2020/0245; Phase 5 Monksmoor Park, Welton Lane, Daventry, Northamptonshire - Reserved Matters Application (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) For Construction of 84 Dwellings, Associated Access Routes, Landscaping, Open Space and Drainage.

Members reviewed the planning application and it was

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council submits no objection in principle and would support planning officer's advice.
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DA/2020/0268; Phase 1 Mickle Well Park, Ashby Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/2018/0140 (Reserved Matters Application For Construction of 106 Dwellings, 815 Sqm of Commercial Space) To Allow Alterations of Window Design, Standardisation of Eaves Height to Two Storey Dwellings, Standardisation of Garages, Creation of 1 Bedroom Flat to Ground Floor or Block A And B.

Members reviewed the planning application and it was

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council submits no objection in principle.
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TC2006.9 CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

TC2006.10 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

(i) Annual Town Meeting (Election of the Chair)

Members concurred that as the Town Council had now successfully held virtual meetings, the Annual Town Meeting should proceed and it was,

RESOLVED:	That the Annual Town Meeting be held via a virtual meeting on Thursday 28 th May 2020.
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(ii) Schedule of Virtual Meetings.

Members reviewed the schedule of virtual meetings from April to September 2020.

RESOLVED:	That the schedule of virtual meetings for April to September 2020 be approved.
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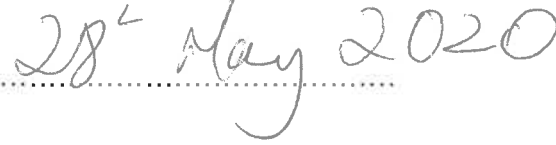
(iii) Annual Town Assembly

Members concurred that further to changes in statutory legislation the date for the Annual Town Assembly be considered when government guidelines enabled the facilitation of public meetings.

TC2006.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 28th May 2020.

The meeting closed at 19:49 hrs.

SIGNED..........DATED..........