

## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held via Video Conference (Zoom) on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr Lynne Taylor (Town Mayor) – Chairman

**Councillors:**

Mike Arnold  
Dawn Branigan  
Matthew Churchley  
Alan Knappe  
Lynn Jones  
Peter Luke  
Maureen Luke  
Ted Nicholl  
Malcolm Ogle  
Wendy Randall  
John Tippet  
Katie Thurston  
Karen Tweedale

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)  
Sarah Fox – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)  
Cllr Richard Auger - Northamptonshire County Councillor

5 Members of the public  
0 Member of the press

#### OPEN FORUM

Cllr Wesley wished to advise members that it was with a heavy heart that with the upcoming elections and due to personal circumstances, he had made the decision to hand in his resignation. He wanted to thank the residents of the town for allowing him to represent Abbey South and Ashby Fields, stating that it had been a fantastic honour and a fantastic experience and a massive part of his life, he wanted to wish current and future Councillors the best for the future. He also wished to thank the Chief Officer and all the staff at DTC for the support provided and the journey that was shared, he commented that it had been fantastic to witness the development of the team over the years under the leadership of the Chief Officer.

On behalf of Daventry Town Council, the Chair wished to thank Cllr Wesley for his commitment and dedication to the Town.

Mr Herbert advised that he wished to speak in support of planning application DA/2020/1180 to be discussed under agenda item TC2104.7 for the construction of a sustainable and ecologically diverse detached dwelling on land adjacent to Tollgate Cottage, Staverton Road, Daventry.

#### **TC2104.1 APOLOGIES.**

Apologies received from Cllr Fox.

#### **TC2104.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

**TC2104.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

Cllr Auger expressed his appreciation for Cllr Wesley in his capacity as both a Town and District Councillor for Daventry Town and commented that his departure would be a loss for the Town.

Cllr Auger advised that the new Unitary Council would be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April, with the current District and County Councillors being members of the newly formed council until the elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

He advised that he had the utmost respect for Daventry Town Council and commented that the council would be a key player in the development and implantation of the new vision for the town.

In relation to Covid-19, he was hopeful that we would not see any further lockdowns.

The Chair thanked Cllr Auger for his contribution, which had always been informative and honest and for his service to the Town.

**TC2104.4 MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and the special Meeting held on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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**TC2104.5 COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 3rd March 2021</li> <li>(ii) Finance &amp; Policy Committee – 8th March 2021</li> <li>(iii) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 24th March 2021</li> </ul> <p>Be received (Appendix 2).</p> <p>That the recommendations from the Finance &amp; Policy Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> March be approved;</p> <p><i>Reference FP2103.5 – <b>POLICIES.</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Asset Register, be approved.</li> <li>(ii) Treasury Policy, be approved.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Reference FP2103.6 – VIRTUAL MEETINGS – THE LOCAL AUTHOROTIES (CORONARVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHRITY MEETINGS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2020 FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS HELD BEFORE 7TH MAY 2021, AND FOR THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ACCESS TO THOSE MEETINGS.</i></b></p> <p>That the Town Council supports a change in legislation to enable options for the council to hold meetings remotely to enable council meetings to be accessible and inclusive.</p>
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**TC2104.6 PLANNING APPLICATION DA/2019/1000 (AMENDED) – CONSTRUCTION OF 140 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM THE A425, PROVISION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING LEAP, DEMOLITION OF DRAYTON LODGE AND ASSOCIATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROVISION OF DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ON LAND AT DRAYTON LODGE, STAVERTON ROAD, DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, NN11 4NL**

Members reviewed the amended planning application and concurred that whilst some of the concerns raised by the Council had been addressed throughout the process, the developer had not addressed the councils concerns in relation to the development not facilitating areas for off-road parking resulting in parking issues within the development or the concerns raised with the position of LEAP, which is isolated, not overlooked and does not reflect the principles of ‘designing out crime’.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council submits an objection due to concerns with off-road parking and the position of the ‘Leap’ within the development.
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**TC2104.7 PLANNING APPLICATION DA/2020/1180 – CONSTRUCTION OF DETACHED DWELLING ON LAND ADJ TOLLGATE COTTAGE, STAVERTON ROAD, DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, NN11 4NN.**

Members concurred that the planning application was extremely detailed and innovative in its design which met many environmental and eco-friendly sustainable building design elements.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council submits no objection in principle.
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**TC2104.8 DAVENTRY TOWN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP – 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021.**

Councillor Taylor advised that she had attended the meeting and confirmed that Daventry Town Implementation Working Group would remain in place under the new unitary council. She advised that it was hoped that the cinema would be open in July 2021.

**TC2104.9 POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PARISH MEETING -23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2021.**

Councillor Tippettt advised that it was an informative meeting with a total of 24 councillors in attendance. It was highlighted that the neighbourhood police officers covering Northamptonshire were to increase in number over the next 18 months, increasing from 11,070 to 13,067, Cllr Tippettt advised that he had asked the Chief Constable a question regarding the issues that Daventry was experiencing with police officers being pulled out of the town to cover other areas, leaving the town without police presence, the Chief Constable advised that he was looking to have this issue resolved by the end of the year with the introduction of a new approach to address this problem. They advised the introduction of a new rural scheme, a new police dog unit and 12 ANPR vehicles.

It was highlighted that the priority for the police for 2021/2022 was to bring the police to the community and tackling social behaviour concerns. New CCTV is to be installed within Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton. Cllr Tippettt asked about funding for Daventry CCTV and was advised that there was not additional funding within the budget allocation for Daventry as Daventry was considered a low crime area.

**TC2104.10 DONATION.**

Members noted receipt of a donation from Cllr Arnold and concurred that the decision on how this donation should be allocated be deferred to the Finance & Policy Committee.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the decision on how the donation from Cllr Arnold be spent be deferred to the Finance & Policy Committee scheduled 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021.
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**TC2104.11 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.**

- (i) **PCSO.** Members considered the report and commended the work of the PCSO but questioned whether the council should reconsider the sponsorship of a PCSO going forward.
- (ii) **CCTV.** Members noted the report.
- (iii) **COMMUNITY RANGER.** Members considered the report and praised the work of the community ranger. Cllr Branigan raised concerns with antisocial behaviour and the disregard for government guidelines in relation to Covid-19 within some of the car parks that were being utilised by some of the restaurants with the Town Centre that were providing take-away services. The Chief Officer confirmed that these issues had been raised in the community safety meeting that morning and advised that the police were planning to implement an operation which would see an increase in foot patrols with the town at peak times.

**TC2104.12 CORRESPONDENCE.**

Members noted the invitation extended to the Town Council to consider membership of Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) for 2021/2022, members concurred that they could see this type of membership being beneficial for small rural parishes, but not for larger parish councils.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council decline the offer of membership of Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) for 2021/2022.
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**TC2104.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**TC2104.14 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That due to the confidential nature of the item being discussed the public and press be excluded from the next part of the meeting.
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**TC2104.15 COMPLAINT**

The Chair advised members of a complaint that had been escalated through the Council's complaints procedure to herself as Chair of Council, details of which were shared via a report on Zoom. On referring to the detail members concurred that due process had been followed, the complaint had been thoroughly investigated, appropriate actions had been taken and that the matter was closed.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Chair writes to the complainant to advise that that due process had been followed, the complaint had been thoroughly investigated, appropriate actions had been taken and that the matter was closed.
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The meeting closed at 20:17 hrs.

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