

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 28th November 2022 at 6.30pm

Cllr Malcolm Ogle – Chairman

Councillors:

Mike Arnold
Stephen Dabbs
Lynn Jones
Janet Matthews
Ted Nicholl
Wendy Randall
Holy Steenson
Lynne Taylor
John Tippett
Karen Tweedale
Phillip Silk-Neilsen

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer
1 Members of the public
0 Member of the press

OPEN FORUM.

TC2213.1. APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Dawn Branigan	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Emily Carter	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Alan Knape	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Katie Thurston	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

The Chair drew members attention to the presence of the CCTV provider and requested that members consider moving agenda item TC2213.10, Section Crime and Disorder for consideration on the conclusion of Agenda Item TC2213.2, Minutes, and it was

RESOLVED:	That agenda item TC2213.10 be moved forward for consideration on the conclusion of agenda item TC2213.3.
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TC2213.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

TC2213.3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 31 st October 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2213.10.ii SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 – CCTV

Members noted the report on CCTV performance and activities October 2022, and it was

RESOLVED:	That Standing Orders be suspended to enable the CCTV provider to address members.
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Members referred to the CCTV report and noted the sharp increase in ASB incidents. Chris Healy, Principal of Crimesecure Ltd, Daventry Town Council's CCTV service provider advised members of his disappointment in the lack of Policing resource to deal with the issues that were captured on CCTV. Cllr Taylor was especially concerned with reports highlighting issues in the Town with large groups of young people intimidating others with their anti-social behaviour and lack of respect. Members noted the lack of Police intervention and worrying lack of available resource as the reason for the lack of intervention.

The Chief Officer advised that the Police were on a recruitment drive to fill vacancies within their team, including the Town Council's sponsored PCSO role, but to date were not able to fill all the vacancies, in particular the sponsored PCSO role.

RESOLVED:	That Standing Orders be re-instated.
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Members continued to discuss the worrying lack of policing resource, and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Chief Officer write to the Chief Constable, with copies to the OPFCC, CSP and Member Of Parliament for Daventry, advising him of the Town Council's disappointment with the consistent dismissive attitude and lack of action in addressing the need for policing resource in the urban and rural areas of West Northamptonshire.
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TC2213.4. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (WNC) COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Councillor	Ward	Apologies	Report
David James	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Peter Matten	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Colin Morgan	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Terry Gilford	Daventry West	Received	None Received
Lauryn Harrington-Carter	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Wendy Randall	Daventry West	DTC member, in attendance.	
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

TC2213.5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

RESOLVED:	That the reports of (i) Planning & Development Committee – 2 nd November 2022 (ii) Finance & Policy Committee – 14 th November 2022 (iii) Planning & Development Committee – 23 rd November 2022 Be received (Appendix 2).
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TC2213.6. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES.

Members noted the resignation of Cllr Tippett as one of Daventry Town Council's appointed representatives on Daventry Transport Development Group.

TC2213.7. COUNCIL BUDGET 2022/2023.

Members noted the budget monitoring report for 2022/2023.

TC2213.8. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BUS NETWORK REVIEW.

The Chief Officer advised that West Northamptonshire Council were undertaking a bus network review to identify and deliver a core bus network that would be commercially viable and increase bus use in West Northamptonshire and the Town Council had been asked to submit their initial views on the current service.

Members suggested the Town Council consult with residents, the CO advised against this, as the WNC would be consulting with the public and they were just seeking views from partners at this stage. The CO circulated a questionnaire suggesting members speak with residents who used the service and feedback to the office prior to the deadline of 2nd December 2022.

TC2213.9. RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND (REPF).

The Chief Officer advised that she had attended the Community & Place and Supporting Local Business Workshops which had been aimed at exploring how best to utilise the Rural England Prosperity Funding (£1.367m top-up of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund) across West Northamptonshire.

The purpose of the workshops was to gather data to enable WNC to submit an application that would support both local businesses and address rural transport challenges. The CO advised that details on their submission would be published publicly in January 2023.

TC2213.10. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Members noted the report from the Community Ranger.

(ii) CCTV.

Item was moved for discussion following item TC2213.3.

TC2213.11. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chief Officer advised that she had received correspondence from West Northamptonshire Council advising that they were looking to re-tender their bus shelter maintenance and advertising contract and were asking if Daventry Town Council would like the shelters under their control for maintenance brought into the same contract, which provides a full maintenance package at zero cost to the Council as the provider uses the advertising revenue to fund the service. Members advised the CO of their agreement to respond positively to this enquiry.

TC2213.12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday, 19th December 2022. The meeting closed at 19:40 hrs.

SIGNED.......... DATED..... 19th Dec 2022