

## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm

Cllr Malcolm Ogle – Chair

**Councillors:**

Mike Arnold  
Stephen Dabbs  
Alan Knape  
Lynne Taylor  
Katie Thurston  
Janet Matthews  
Ted Nicholl  
Wendy Randall  
John Tippett  
Karen Tweedale  
Phillip Silk-Neilsen

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer  
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer  
0 Members of the public  
0 Member of the press  
Inspector Wakeman  
Daventry Neighbourhood Sergeant Harrison  
Chris Healy, Principal of Crimesecure Ltd

**OPEN FORUM.**

None.

**TC2301.1. APOLOGIES.**

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Dawn Branigan	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Emily Carter	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Lynn Jones	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Holly Steenson	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

**TC2301.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Councillor	Declaration Of Interest	Minute Number
Wendy Randall	West Northamptonshire Councillor - non-pecuniary	TC2301.10 & TC2301.12
Philip Silk-Neilsen	Volunteer at Citizens Advise Daventry & District (CADD) – non-pecuniary.	TC2301.12 (i)

**TC2301.3. MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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**TC2301.4. DAVENTRY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM.**

Inspector Wakeman spoke to members about policing crime statistics across the county, and brief details on some of the current challenges being faced by the Daventry Neighbourhood policing team.

He advised members that Northamptonshire Police have been advertising for Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO) across the county, and are hopeful all vacancies will be filled in April 2023. He added that Sponsored PCSO posts would not be filled until all Police PCSO positions within the county had been filled.

Sergeant Harrison spoke of the work being done within the local community and the schools to highlight the issues to young people around knife crime and allay any fears among students and families in relation to a recent incident in the town which involved knives. The Knife Arch and initiatives from other youth organisations were welcomed into the schools to educate and prevent crimes of this nature.

**TC2301.5. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (WNC) COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Report</b>
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	In attendance as DTC member	
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

**TC2301.6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Finance &amp; Policy Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</li> <li>(ii) Parks, Open Spaces &amp; Environment Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023</li> <li>(iii) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023</li> </ul> <p>Be received (Appendix 2).</p> <p><b>That the recommendations from the Finance and Policy Committee at their meeting on 9th January 2023, be approved.</b></p> <p><b>FP2301.4 COMMUNITY GRANTS</b></p> <p>That the Town Council award the total sum of £3000.00 to The Daventry Motorcycle Festival event towards the provision of free family-orientated entertainment that is to be included at the festival.</p>
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**TC2301.7. COUNCIL BUDGET 2022/2023**

Members noted the budget monitoring report for 2022/2023 and concurred no actions required.



**TC2301.8. COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023/2024.**

Members considered the report analysing the Council Budget and Precept for the financial year 2023/2024 submitted by the RFO, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the budget of £1,691,620 for the financial year 2023/24 be approved. That the precept of £1,537,237 for the financial year 2023/24 be approved.
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**TC2301.9. EARMARKED RESERVES 2023/2024.**

Members considered the report submitted by the RFO, and It was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the earmarked reserves of £302,416 for the financial year 2023/24 be approved.
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**TC2301.10. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2023/2024.**

Member considered the report from the Chief Office on the West Northamptonshire Council budget proposal for the financial year, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the Town Council submit to following statement:</p> <p>Daventry town Council has reviewed the draft West Northamptonshire budget for 2023/24 and concluded that a rise in the budget is unavoidable due to pressures from adult social care, Children’s Trust, Home to school transport, pay related costs and contractual inflation. However, Daventry Town Council members are concerned that the implementation of the proposal to increase the council tax by 6.12% in the former Daventry District area will have significant negative impact on residents in the Town and the former Daventry District.</p> <p>In relation to West Northamptonshire’s waste contract, it is noted that costs for this service are increasing due to contractual pressures, but members of Daventry town Council question why these costs aren’t mitigated by the proposed reduction in service for Northampton and South Northants as it moves to a three weekly collection and the proposed 39.95% increase in charges for kerbside garden waste.</p> <p>Daventry Town Council has also considered the proposed parking charges for Daventry Country Park and agrees that an increase in charges will deter people from using this countywide facility. With health and wellbeing high on local and national governments’ agenda it is extremely important to ensure that public parks are easily accessible with no restrictions to encourage the community, especially children and young people to be more active.</p> <p>Although there are no plans, within WNC’s proposed budget for 23/24 to introduce parking charges in Daventry Town car parks, the Town Council wishes to use this opportunity to voice its concerns and objections to any proposal of this kind. Should this option ever be considered it will undoubtedly have a detrimental effect on the Town as the business community is already struggling due to covid, cost of living crisis, lower footfall and the introduction of parking charges could prevent future commercial development in Daventry Town centre.</p> <p>Daventry Town Council notes the proposal to increase members’ allowances in line with inflation which is categorised as an unavoidable pressure, whilst</p>
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	<p>it would be considered reasonable to increase members' allowances to recognise the council duties they undertake, residents within the West Northamptonshire Areas consider this to be unacceptable and consideration should be given to increase allowances in line with the 4.5% cost of living pay award being proposed for council employees and not in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate standing at 11.1% at the time West Northamptonshire drafted the report.</p> <p>Daventry Town Council has noted the budget proposals mention Daventry Town Vision generating an income of £100k in 25/26, should staff resource be available to bring those projects forward. The Town Council acknowledges the need for change and development and expects to work closely with West Northamptonshire Council and other stakeholders to ensure that Daventry's future growth and economic development is maintained for the benefit of its residents and future generations.</p>
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**TC2301.11. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (WNC) PROPOSED CHANGES TO CAR PARKING PRICE STRUCTURE IN DAVENTRY COUNTRY PARK.**

Members concurred that the proposed changes to the pricing structure for Daventry Country Park car park would deter people from using this countywide facility and agreed that it was important with health and wellbeing being of local and national importance, to ensure that public parks are easily accessible, with no restrictions, to encourage everyone in the community to be more active.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council publish a statement that it does not support the new pricing structure for Daventry Country Park car park and that it objects to any proposal to introduce parking charges in the Town Centre, as it would have a detrimental effect on both residents and the business community.
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**TC2301.12. FUNDING AGREEMENTS.**

Members considered the funding agreements for 2023/2024, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>(i) That the funding agreement for Citizens Advice Daventry &amp; District be approved for 2023/2024.</p> <p>(ii) That the funding agreement for Daventry Area Community Transport be approved for 2023/2024.</p>
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Members discussed the provision of community transport, and the need for a thorough review of the service prior to the 2025/2024 renewal, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That Town Council undertakes a full review of the service with options, which is to be considered by council prior to the renewal in 2024/2025.
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**TC2301.13. TRAFFIC REULATION ORDER – SPEED LIMIT REVIEW PANEL.**

Members considered the proposal from the Speed Limit Review Panel to introduce a reduced speed limit of 30mph at the A425 South Way roundabout and various junctions and concurred that the focus needed to be on the speed limit of the roads accessing and egressing the roundabout, and as it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	To request that the Speed Limit Panel look to extend the 30mph speed limit to the roads accessing and egressing the roundabout, which include Admirals Way, Long March, High March, South Way and Southway North.
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**TC2301.14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – DEBATE NOT HATE CAMPAIGN.**

Members considered supporting the Local Government Association's (LGA), Debate not Hate Campaign, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	(i) That Daventry Town Council support the Debate not Hate Campaign and sign the public statement and call for a government convened working group to tackle the issue. (ii) That members attend the Civility and Respect (Part 1) Webinar, organised by Northants County Association of Local Councils (NCALC).
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**TC2301.15. DAVENTRY HERITAGE TRAIL**

Members considered the report from the Development and Liaison Officer (DLO) in relation to the wording of the heritage trail plaque to be affixed to the front of the Town Council building, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council put forward the following wording for Daventry Town Council's blue plaque:  Grade II Listed building constructed around an 18 <sup>th</sup> Century oblong-shaped house. This much extended and adapted building functioned as a private home until the 1960s when it was converted into flats and several staff from the BBC working on Borough Hill were housed here. In the 1970s, it housed the Daventry and District Ex-Servicemen's Club and Institute Ltd and was later extended and used as offices of Lowfield Distribution Ltd and Charity Riders for Health. In 2010, it became the home of Daventry Town Council and Daventry Museum, housing many local treasures relating to the town.
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**TC2301.16. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.**

**(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Members noted the report from the Community Ranger.

**(ii) CCTV.**


Members noted the CCTV performance and activities for November and December 2022.

**TC2301.17. CORRESPONDENCE.**

None received.

**TC2301.18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The meeting closed at 20:06 hrs.

SIGNED  DATED 27 February 2023