

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on
18th July 2023 at 19.30hrs, in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices,**
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG

Chair: Cllr L Taylor

Committee: Cllr P Burton, Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr M James, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr J Karchud, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr D Paul, Cllr P Sellers, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr N Tinson

Officers: M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Clerk) V Freeman (Administration Officer)

In attendance: No members of the public in attendance

2023-0074-TC Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2023-0075-TC Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Osborne

Cllr V Keitch

The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.

2023-0076-TC Somerset Council Member's Reports

Members **NOTED** the Somerset Council Member's report.

2023-0077-TC Declarations of Interest

Cllr Shearman declared an interest in agenda item 15 Somerset Council Pension Fund Strategy Consultation.

2023-0078-TC Dispensations

There were no dispensations requested or granted.

2023-0079-TC Minutes – Town Council

The minutes from the 20th June 2023 Town Council meeting will be reviewed at the September Town Council meeting.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the meeting held on 27th June 2023 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

2023-0080-TC Minutes – Planning, Highways and Transport

Members **NOTED** the Minutes from the meeting held on 4th July 2023

2023-0081-TC Minutes – Open Spaces

Members **NOTED** the Minutes from the meeting held on 4th July 2023

2023-0082-TC Mayor/Deputy Mayor Reports

Members **NOTED** the Mayor and Deputy Mayors reports.

2023-0083-TC Police Report

There was no police report provided.

The Mayor expressed her disappointment on behalf of the Council that there has been no police report or representation at meetings since the Annual Community Assembly meeting in May.

2023-0084-TC Quarterly Income and Expenditure report

Members **NOTED** the report.

Concerns were raised regarding the use of concrete benches from a health and safety prospective. Members were advised that the new benches will be made of recycled material.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to move funds, from Earmarked Reserves for the tennis courts, to cover the expenditure of two benches.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Shepherd

2023-0085-TC Schedule of Payments

A Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the payments for June 2023.

Proposer Cllr Jenner-Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

B Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the completion of the bank reconciliation for June 2023 and note the account balances as of 30th June 2023.

Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

2023-0086-TC Clerk's Update.

Members **NOTED** the report.

The Clerk advised members that he has been in contact with the head of Herne View School who is assisting with investigations along with the local PCSO. The head of Wadham School has also been contacted and the Clerk is awaiting a response. There are indications that up to 6 children were involved.

The clerk asked members for an indication if they would be looking for financial restitution for the damage. If on this occasion members agree not to pursue for financial restitution then the Clerk could write to the head at Herne View School and request that the letter is forwarded on to the parents, to explain that it is a one off and if any further damage occurs the Council will be looking for financial restitution.

2 of the children involved will be spending some time with the open spaces team, litter picking, mending the broken toilet roll holders and learning about the wildlife.

The request was discussed by members. Discussions included are the children's parents aware – they are aware as the local PCSO is involved, are we letting the others off if one family are unable to make a financial contribution, education and repairing the damage may be more beneficial and effective.

Members indicated that they would not be looking for financial restitution on this occasion only.

The Clerk advised members that the new Cemetery noticeboard is now in place.

2023-0087-TC Community Plan Results

Members **NOTED** the report.

Members were advised that officers are in the process of obtaining a red book valuation for the North Street office.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to set up an Action Plan working group made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Committee Chairs to present ideas and thoughts at the Members Briefing Day in October 2023.

Proposer Cllr Paul **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

2023-0088-TC Somerset Council Pension Fund Strategy Consultation

Members **NOTED** the report.

Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 abstention (Cllr Shearman) to delegate to officers to send any responses to Somerset Council.

Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

Meeting ended at 20.04