

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Brackley Town Council, held on Monday 2 September 2019 in the Civic Hall, Brackley Town Hall NN13 7AB.

Present: Town Mayor – Cllr Bagot-Webb
Cllrs Baker, Cartmell, Kew, Sharps, Thompson, Tiller, E Wiltshire and P Wiltshire

Officers: Clerk (A Moses) Deputy Clerk (K Hale)

189/19 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received and accepted from Cllrs Barrie, Butler, Stimpson, Ross and Waldron

190/19 Town Mayor's announcements

July
Wednesday 3 – Saints Community Project
Thursday 4 – Community Bingo
Friday 5 – NHS Big Tea Party
Saturday 6 Brackley Fire Station Open Day
Sunday 7 – Bicester TC – Freedom of Entry for DEMS Training Rgt
Wednesday 10 – Brackley Scouts Charity Walk
Monday 15 – Student Community Project
Thursday 18 – Mayor of Kettering Jazz Evening – Deputy Mayor attended
Thursday 25 – One Act Plays
Friday 26 – One Act Plays
Saturday 27 – Brackley Beer Festival
Monday 29 – Official opening of Paisley Pear

August
Friday 2 – Methodist Church Coffee Morning & Thanksgiving Service – Lady Boswell
Saturday 3 – Brackley Library Fun Day
Monday 5 – Induction & Collation of Rev Rich Duncan
Wednesday 7 – Saints Community Project
Saturday 10 – 100 Birthday Celebration
Wednesday 14 – Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust Meeting
Thursday 15 – RAF Croughton – meeting with Town Mayor's Cadets, FEOFFEE
Sunday 18 – Brackley Classic Car Show

Future events – dates for your diary

BTC Events
Friday 20 to Sunday 22 – Heritage Open Days
Friday 20 – Strictly Georgian
Friday 20 to Monday 23 – BEA host visitors from Montabuar
Friday 27 – Cinema in the Park
Saturday 28 – Cinema in the Park

Community Events Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 – Charter Fair

191/19 Public participation

A resident presented to the Council the ongoing saga with the BP Roundabout. A number of accidents had follow the permanent repairs which had been carried out last night because of debris left. The resident has asked that the Town Council approach Highways England to ask for a meeting to see if this can be resolved. It was suggested that Town Councillors, District Councillors and Country Councillors be present at the meeting. Cllr Baker offered to use her contact at Highways England to facilitate this meeting as soon as possible.

192/19 Declarations of interest

None.

193/19 Approval of minutes

On the proposition of Cllr P Wiltshire it was **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the minutes of the Meeting of Council on Monday 1 July 2019

194/19 Committee minutes

On the proposition of Cllr P Wiltshire it was **RESOLVED** to:

Receive the following signed Committee minutes:

Planning & General Works 1 July 2019
Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes 17 June 2019
Finance & Policy 17 June 2019

195/19 Questions for chairmen relating to received minutes

None.

196/19 County Council representative

Cllr Baker reported the following

- Constant meetings to discuss format of the new Unitary Council.
- The setting up of Children's Trust for Children's Social Care – 10 throughout the country
- Bus for students to Northampton College started today – funding for full academic year
- Adult Social care moving into a combined team to lessen bed blocking
- Cllr Baker will be part of the Youth Justice Panel from August

197/19 District Council representative

Cllr E Wiltshire reported the following

- Please encourage as many people as possible to complete the current consultations. There are 4 that need completing.

Cllr Peter Rawlinson, Councillor for Brackley East Ward, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance & Performance, South Northamptonshire District Council

Work continues on the creation of the Unitary Councils planning the various work streams to transform the way the Councils work. Officers are working with Central

Government to prepare the Structural Change Orders that will establish the Councils. The major item in these orders will be to call the elections to the new bodies. As far as we know it will mean that West Northamptonshire will have 3 Councillors per existing County Council Division so Brackley will have 3. The new Councillors will form the Shadow Council from May 2020 until 1st April 2021 when the Unitary Councils will become operational. They will then sit for a 4-year term. The implications for the Town Council are that the term of office for those elected in 2020 will be 5 years so that the next elections will coincide with the next Unitary elections. It will also allow potential for a Councillor to be a quadruple hatter.

The present situation at Westminster means we do not know when the Structural Change Orders will be placed before Parliament. It will take about 2 months for them to go through the process once they are laid. The SCOs need to be approved at least 6 weeks prior to the election. So effectively they need to be laid by the end of January at the latest. If, as now seems likely there is a General Election within that time period then time does seem to not be on their side.

At this stage SNC is considering a Special Council Meeting to be held late September or early October. This is needed to confer additional powers onto the Joint Committee to ensure that decisions relating to the new Councils can be made in a timely manner. These will be covering procurement and systems issues that need to be resolved sooner rather than later and do not include any policy decisions. On a bright note I am happy to be able to report that our previous Chief Finance Officer, Martin Henry, will be returning to South Northamptonshire Council from next Monday. Martin brings a wealth of experience and a detailed knowledge of the District and I look forward very much to working with him.

198/19 Recommendations from Committees/Working Parties

On the proposition of Cllr Sharps it was **RESOLVED** to:

Commission a Communication Audit to the value of £5000.

199/19 Consultations

The following consultations have been noted by the Members. It was asked that the consultations be published on the Town Council Facebook and website to raise awareness.

West Northants Strategic Plan

<https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/WNSPIssues/consultationHome>

Sports and Leisure Strategy <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/directory-record/3321/sport-and-leisure-strategy-consultation>

200/19 Membership to Brackley United FEOFFEE Charity

On the proposition of Cllr E Wiltshire it was **RESOLVED** that:

Cllr Cartmell and Cllr Sharps volunteered to be BTC nominated trustees from the 22 December 2019. The Council reminded the members that they are expected to attend meetings of the charity at regular intervals.

201/19 Furniture

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell it was **RESOLVED** to:

Accept the offer as detailed in the report and dispose of tables and staircase.

202/19 Office Christmas Closing times

On the proposition of Cllr Mayor Bagot-Webb it was **RESOLVED** to:

Adopted the following closing times over the Christmas period. Staff will be required to take annual leave for Tuesday 24 December afternoon and Friday 27 December and an emergency telephone contact will be published.

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24, close 12 noon

Christmas day – Wednesday 25

Boxing day – Thursday 26

Friday 27 closed all day

203/19 Councillor Meeting – information attached

Members noted the next Councillor meeting with Stephen Mold (PFCC for Northamptonshire) is 9 September, Greenwell Room at Wootton Hall, NN4 0JQ from 6pm.

204/19 Matters for discussion or information

The Mayor reported concerns over the old swimming pool site and the reports of children climbing on the roof and entering the premises. Cllr Baker reported that the District Council have been in today and repaired the security fencing that had been put up. It is due to be demolished and is being emptied and chemicals removed next week.

Cllr Baker – Piazza is now with legal at County Council as it is still listed as a through road. Once this is resolved it will come to us.

Radstone School is now nearly complete.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed

Date