

## BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of Brackley Town Council, held in the Old Fire Station Community Room, 37 High Street, Brackley on Monday, 6 February 2017 at 7.05pm.

Present: Town Mayor – Councillor Fiona Baker  
Cllrs Bagot-Webb, Barrie, Broomfield, Butler, Cartmell, Morrell, Ross, Sharps, Stimpson, Thompson, Waldron, E Wiltshire & P Wiltshire.

Officers: Town Clerk (L Carter) and Communications Support Officer (S Campbell)

### 403/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

### 404/16 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Engagements** since the Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2017

10<sup>th</sup> January – The Hub, table tennis tournament

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> January – Saints Community Project Pantomime

26<sup>th</sup> January – BEA

27<sup>th</sup> January – Town Mayor's Coffee Morning, Old Fire Station

28<sup>th</sup> January – BEA post-Christmas Dinner

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Mini Mayor's at Bracken Leas School

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Community Bingo

3<sup>rd</sup> February – RAF/USAF Croughton Winter Reception

### 405/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

### 406/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 407/16 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved.

### 408/16 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following Committee minutes were received:

Planning & General Works 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Finance & Policy 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### 409/16 QUESTIONS FOR CHAIRMEN RELATING TO RECEIVED MINUTES

None

### 410/16 COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Broomfield stated that a recent report relating to Fire and Rescue Services within the County had been discussed at a meeting of Environment, Development & Transport Scrutiny Committee.

### 411/16 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Bagot-Webb, the Town Mayor, Cllr Morrell and SNC Chair Cllr Billingham attended a meeting with Developers to discuss roads on

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Radstone Fields with regards to potholes, sub-standard surfaces and cleansing.

Radstone Road is the responsibility of Northamptonshire Highways, but all roads on developed land were still to be adopted and responsibility lies with developers to maintain and clean. Potholes on Poppyfields Way were due to be repaired this week with further discussions were taking place regarding additional remedial work.

District Councillor Peter Rawlinson informed Members of decisions relating to Council Tax for 2017/2018 as discussed at a recent Cabinet Meeting. He further reported that a new initiative will commence in April 2017 concerning tax relief for empty retail properties within the District which have been empty for 6 months or more. The initiative will grant business rates relief of up to 50% for two years.

**412/16 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR (Elect) for 2017/2018**

In accordance with Standing Order 12 and the procedure in 1974 (amended May 2013), Members' were asked to vote for their chosen candidate.

Two nominations had been received, both for – Cllr Don Thompson  
Cllr Thompson was proposed by Cllr Barrie and seconded by Cllr Ross

After the voting, Cllr Thompson was unanimously elected Town Mayor Elect for 2017/2018.

**413/16 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR (Elect) for 2017/2018**

In accordance with Standing Order 12 and the procedure in 1974 (amended May 2013), Members' were asked to vote for their chosen candidate.

Three candidates were nominated (one had been nominated twice).  
Cllr Morrell - proposed by Cllr Cartmell, seconded by Cllr Stimpson  
Cllr Ross - proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Sharps  
Cllr Wiltshire - proposed by Cllr Bagot-Webb, seconded by Cllr P Wiltshire

After one round of voting, Cllr Morrell was elected, by an overall majority, to be Deputy Town Mayor Elect for 2017/2018.

**414/17 CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY**

Following the recent resignation of Cllr Peter Rawlinson, Brackley Town Council had a casual vacancy on East Ward and four applications were received, which had been circulated to Members in advance of this meeting.

Sarah Walker, Bernard Tiller, Andrew Robertson and Alan Coles all made a short presentation to Council, after which a vote took place.  
As a result, it was **RESOLVED** that:

Mr Bernard (Bernie) Tiller be elected Councillor for Brackley East Ward

**415/16 WORKING PARTY FOR FORWARD PLANNING**

It was suggested that the setting up of a working group made up of the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and the three Committee Chairman be approved. The group would provide support and guidance for the Town Clerk in relation to forward planning of staffing, accommodation and resources, and bringing these matters to Council in a timely manner.

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On the proposition of Cllr Butler, it was **RESOLVED** that:

Such a Working Party be formed with membership as suggested.

Cllrs Ross and Stimpson abstained from the vote.

**416/17 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION**

**Town Hall Restoration Project:**

Cllr Broomfield had been approached by several people concerned about the reduction of access to the Town Hall slip road resulting from the commencement of work/scaffolding. The Clerk responded that business owners in the vicinity had worked with the contractors for additional signage and had agreed wording.

The Clerk also informed Councillors that the Town Hall Clock , which has ad stopped, would be removed for refurbishment once the scaffolding was in place.

Friday Market – The Clerk and Contractors had been working closely with traders to ensure continuity, in addition bollards have been removed from the Piazza to ease access to trader vehicles.

The meeting closed at: 19.58

Chairman: Fiona Baker.

Date: 6/3/2017.