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WHITCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Whitchurch Town Council held at 19:15 on the sixteenth day of December, held in the Edward German Room Whitchurch Civic Centre SY13 1AX

Present: Cllrs: P. Busby, G. Ebbs, A. Hall, R. Hall, R. Hewson, A. Jackson, P. Lea, J. Martin, M. Phipps, M. Ridgway, P. Sample, J. Sinnott, J. Thornton

In Attendance: Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer), Andy Cooper (Admin Support Officer), Cllr. Gerald Dakin Shropshire Council, 2 Press Officers, 7 Members of the Public

Minute WTC/112/2122

Apologies – received from Cllrs: A. Cooper, G. Sullivan

Minute WTC/113/2122

Declarations – Cllr. Sample Item 6, Cllr Hewson Item 7(iii), Cllr Phipps Item 8.

Minute WTC/114/2122

Minutes – minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Minute WTC/115/2122

Public Participation – The Council resolved to suspend Standing Orders.

A resident spoke of their objection to the planning application at item 6 – with a focus on lack of car parking spaces, the blocking of light and privacy and unsympathetic with the ancient area of St. Mary's Street.

Two members of Whitchurch Business Group spoke about a letter they had received from the Town Council regarding a breach of GDPR.

Cllr. Gerald Dakin spoke informed the Council that Shropshire Council had told him the roof of the about the anaerobic digester will be fixed as soon as possible.

The Council resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.

Cllr. Sample left the meeting whilst item 6 was being discussed.

Minute WTC/116/2122

Planning – The Council resolved to object to the planning application on the grounds that the development is not sympathetic to the character of its surroundings, would increase traffic congestion, deprive neighbouring properties of light, exacerbate parking issues, and negatively impact upon the historical context of adjacent listing buildings. The Council resolved to delegate the response to the Proper Officer.

Minute WTC/117/2122

Representatives on Outside Bodies – The Council noted that Cllr. Sullivan had attended the Whitchurch Waterway Trust meeting and noted Cllr Ridgway and two volunteers from We are Whitchurch had helped to clear debris from the canal.

Minute WTC/118/2122

Finance –

- i) The Council resolved to accept the sum of £10,000.00 from the Section 106 Agreement dated 20.1.19 towards the management of Whitchurch Town Centre. The Proper Officer will notify Shropshire Council that the Town Council will administer the money by 30.3.25 in line with Schedule 3.
- ii) The Council resolved to approve the Proper Officer to progress an application to the Community Assets Fund Scheme, for Whitchurch Town Council to cover costs of up to £15,000.00 for the market hall heating and/or other eligible asset projects.
- iii) The Council resolved for the Proper Office to ask Queensway Playing Fields Association for more details about the request for a grant.

Minute WTC/119/2122

On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme – The Council resolved for the Proper Officer to notify Shropshire Council that Cllr. Ebbs wishes to be the Town Council representative on any working group set up to discuss and plan residential electrical charge points.

Minute WTC/120/2122

Ice Cream Cart – the Council noted they have no objection to a request from a traditional ice cream cycle to be located around the town periodically during 2022.

Minute WTC/121/2122

Exclusion of Press and Public – The Committee resolved, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Minute WTC/122/2122

Deermoss Play Area – The Council resolved to allocate a sum of £50,000.00 to the recommended contractor for the Deermoss play area.

The Proper Officer and Administration Assistant left the meeting.

Minute WTC/123/2122

Employment - The Chairman of the Personnel Committee informed the meeting that the Proper Officer had advised they were unable to commit to additional work and would only be able to fulfil their contractual obligations until January.

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