

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Town Council held online via Zoom on Tuesday 4 May 2021 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.29pm.

PRESENT

Cllr R D Sherriff (Town Mayor)
Cllr M C Hilliar (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A F Chaplin
Cllr Mrs L D Evans
Cllr A J Harris
Cllr D J Hayward
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis
Cllr H L Riddell
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: District Cllr T D Wright and three members of the public

21.022 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public wished to speak.

21.023 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Mrs C Channon, District Cllr A J Dent and District Cllr P M Jarvis.

21.024 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No interests were declared.

21.025 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 26 April 2021 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

21.026 Committee Chairmanship

A Chairman was elected of the following Committees:

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| • Public Hall | Cllr Mrs L D Evans |
| • Finance | Cllr D J Hayward |
| • Foreshore & Footpaths | Cllr R D Sherriff |
| • Community Gardens | Cllr A F Chaplin |

21.027 East Devon District Council: Licence Application – 60 High Street

An application from Brook Kitchen for an alcohol licence was received and considered. It was

Resolved: This Council supports the application although there was some concern about the requested hours for the sale of alcohol and of opening, which were markedly different from those currently in place.

21.028 East Devon District Council: Closure of Public Conveniences

Consideration was given to whether this Council should fund the cost of supplying an operative to carry out the cleaning of the public conveniences in the Lower Station Road Car Park at a cost of approximately £5900 for three months.

Additional information had been received regarding the possibility of keeping two cubicles open (to include one disabled cubicle).

The Town Mayor, Cllr R D Sherriff advised that other towns in the District were in the same predicament. He also advised that this Council’s suggestion to keep just two cubicles open was not feasible. He then thanked Cllr D J Hayward for the financial information which he had provided following the last meeting. After some further discussion, it was

Resolved: This Council will pay for the toilets to be kept open in the Lower Station Road Car Park for three months. The toilets in Brook Road will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

21.029 Remote Meetings

Confirmation had been received that from 7 May 2021, Town Council meetings will no longer be able to be held online.

Consideration was given to granting the Clerk delegated powers until such time that the Town Council/Committee was able to meet face to face or could resume remote online meetings. It was

Resolved: Face to face meetings will resume on 24 May 2021. The Town Mayor will meet with the Clerk and her Assistant to discuss the requirements for meeting in the Public Hall. Once the layout is agreed, the Hall will be set up for Members of the Council to view and comment, if appropriate.

It was further

Resolved: That the Clerk also be granted delegated powers.

Consideration was then given to the adoption of the Scheme of Delegation Policy and it was

Resolved: The Policy should be adopted with no amendments.

21.030 Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- The Town Mayor, Cllr R D Sherriff said he had thought it might be an idea to plant a tree on The Green to commemorate HRH The Prince Philip. It had also been suggested that a tree be planted to remember those residents of Budleigh Salterton who had lost their lives to Covid-19. He said this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Council and if agreed, East Devon District Council would be approached to suggest a suitable location/species.

21.031 Dates of Next Meetings

All Meetings will be held in the Public Hall until further notice:

Planning Committee:	24 May 2021 at 7.00pm
Town Council:	24 May 2021 on the rising of the Planning Committee

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.51pm.

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Chairman

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Date