

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 27 February 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

PRESENT

Cllr M C Hilliar (Town Mayor)
Cllr A F Chaplin
Cllr R J Doorbar
Cllr A J Harris
Cllr R A Harris
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt
Cllr D Tate

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Six members of the public

22.395 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

22.396 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr D J Hayward, Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr R D Sherriff, County Cllr Mrs C Channon, District Cllr A J Dent and District Cllr P M Jarvis.

22.397 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

- The Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar declared a personal interest in Min 22.407 and Min 22.408 – he is the Chairman of Budleigh Salterton Carnival

22.398 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 30 January 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

22.399 Reports of Committees

The Minutes of the following meetings were noted:

- Community Gardens Committee held on 13 February 2023
- CIL Committee held on 13 February 2023
- Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group held on 16 January 2023
- Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held on 24 January 2023

22.400 Chairman's Report

The Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar said there was not a lot to report:

- He was saddened to hear that Baroness Boothroyd, the first female Speaker of the House of Commons, had died.
- He added that he and The Town Clerk had hosted a meeting of the Otter to Exe Group of Councils. It had been good to catch up with everyone and share a few ideas – all councils were facing similar problems. The next meeting would be held just before the Elections in May and he hoped they would continue thereafter.

22.401 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone had nothing to report.

22.402 Reports of Council Representatives on Other Bodies

East Devon District Council Arts and Culture Forum

Cllr D Tate advised that he would be attending a meeting later this week and if any Member had any issues to let him know and he would raise them.

Budleigh Salterton Emergency Group

Cllr A J Harris reported that he had applied for funding for some of the equipment and he was pleased to advise that the application had been approved.

The Clerk confirmed she would inform him when the funds were received.

Budleigh Salterton Nursing Association

Cllr A L Jones reported that the Association was always looking to help local residents in need of assistance with funding for equipment; he asked that residents were put in touch with him or one of his fellow Committee members.

22.403 Reports of County and District Councillors

No reports had been received.

22.404 Finance Inspection

- (i) Payments for the month of February 2023, in accordance with Appendix A, were approved.
- (ii) It was noted that the Chairman of the Finance Committee had carried out the internal finance inspection for January 2023.

22.405 Request for Grant Aid 2022/23: Exmouth & District Talking Newspapers

It had previously been agreed to make a donation to the Group. It was

Resolved: A donation of £100 will be made.

22.406 Request for Grant Aid 2023/24: Exmouth & District Community Transport Group

Consideration was given to making an additional donation to the Group to bring the agreed sum in line with previous years' donations. It was

Resolved: An additional donation of £250 will be made.

22.407 Request for Grant Aid 2023/24: Budleigh Salterton Carnival

- (i) Consideration was given to making a donation towards the cost of organising the annual Carnival.

Resolved: A donation will be made.

- (ii) Consideration was then given to the amount of the donation.

Resolved: A donation of £1000 will be made

22.408 Budleigh Salterton Carnival: 30 September 2023

The Traffic Management Plan had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was agreed no comment was necessary and the author was complimented on a concise document.

Cllr M C Hilliar added that an Event Management Plan will be submitted to East Devon District Council regarding the provision of public toilets and litter bins etc.

22.409 Civility & Respect Pledge

The Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar formally signed the Pledge which this Council signed up to in November 2022.

22.410 Hedgehog Highway Project

Information on the Project had been circulated prior to the Meeting. Consideration was given to purchasing a box of Hedgehog Highway Surrounds for use by residents and it was

Resolved: Initially, one pack will be purchased and if popular more can be purchased. The Clerk will put a suitable post on the Council's Facebook page.

22.411 East Devon District Council: Use of The Green – 27 to 29 May 2023

It was noted that the Clerk had responded supporting an application by the Lions Club of Budleigh Salterton to use The Green for Gala Week events, as per Min 21.362 of the Town Council minutes dated 21 February 2022.

22.412 Correspondence Received

- Devon Association of Local Councils: Details of post-Election training
- East Devon District Council: Information received from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities regarding the Coronation of HM King Charles III
- Devon County Council:
 - Waiting Restrictions & Parking Places Order – Introduction of No Waiting At Any Time in specified lengths of Access To Public Hall, High Street, Station Road and West Hill; Introduction of Limited Waiting 9am-6pm 1 Hour No Return Within 2 Hours in a specified length of Station Road; Revocation of No Waiting At Any Time in a specified length of Cliff Road Access to Redcliff Court
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Northview Road: 22 March 2023
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Knowle Hill: 23 April 2023
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Northview Road: 9 May 2023
- CCLA: Update on the Public Sector Deposit Fund
- South West Museum Development: Annual Review 2021/22
- Allotment & Leisure Gardener: Issue 1 2023

22.413 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- Cllr R A Harris asked that an item be placed on the agenda for the next Meeting regarding the formation of a working party to discuss the provision of public toilets in the vicinity of the Public Hall.
- Cllr D Tate reported there was a rat problem in the town centre, particularly in the vicinity of the funeral director premises in Brook Road.
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt commented that they were probably more noticeable due to the lack of food and they should start to disappear when more of their usual food sources return.

22.414 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning Committee:	13 March 2023 at 7.00pm
Foreshore & Footpaths Committee:	13 March 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee
Staffing Committee:	13 March 2023 on the rising of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee
Annual Parish Meeting:	15 March 2023 at 7.00pm (<i>to be held in the Public Hall</i>)
Planning Committee:	27 March 2023 at 7.00pm
Town Council:	27 March 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.37pm.

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Chairman

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Date

Approved