

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, PONTELAND ON 8 MAY 2019

Present: Councillor A Varley (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs C Caisley, R Dodd, Mrs C Greenwell, A Hall, Mrs K Overbury, A Shanley and Mrs K Woodrow

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Nominations for the position of Mayor for 2019-20 were invited.

RESOLVED – That Councillor A Varley be elected Mayor for 2019-20.

Councillor Varley took the chair and thanked his fellow colleagues for their support.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2019-20 were invited.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs C Greenwell be elected Deputy Mayor for 2019-20.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell thanked her fellow colleagues for their support.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Ahmed, L Darwin, T Edwards-Clay and Mrs S Johnson.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10 APRIL 2019

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 April 2019 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 179 – Matters arising item (iii)

The Clerk reported that the listing of the Ponteland War Memorial had been agreed by the Secretary of State.

6. MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

Minute 180(i) – Planning Committee

It was reported that notification had been received from the Planning Inspectorate, that the appeal for advertising at Dobbies roundabout had been dismissed.

Minute 181(i) – Grants

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Northumberland Pride in respect of their recent grant.

7. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED - The Town Council approved the appointment of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 8 Town Councillors to the Accounts Committee for the purpose of authorising all payments made from the Council's Deposit Account.

8. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A list of the current appointees to local organisations had been circulated. It was noted that the Leisure Centre Users Group was no longer in existence and it was agreed that this would be deleted from the list.

RESOLVED – The list of representatives on local organisations be approved subject to the deletion of the Leisure Centre Users Group as outlined above.

9. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES

A list of the current appointees to Town Council Committees and Working Parties had been circulated. Several amendments were made to the list. Councillors Mrs Greenwell, A Hall and Mrs Woodrow would no longer be members of the Environment Working Party. Councillor Hall would be a member of the Planning Committee and the Cemetery Committee.

RESOLVED – The list of appointees, as amended be approved and a copy be circulated to Town Councillors for information.

10. PLANNING

(i) Planning Committee

Minutes of meetings held on 19th March and 2 April 2019 were circulated for information.

(ii) Report on recent planning decisions

There were no reports

11. DATES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2019-20

A list of proposed dates for Town Council Meetings for the forthcoming year had been circulated. Councillors were asked to retain this information and note the various dates.

RESOLVED – The dates be approved.

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12. PROJECTS REPORT

The projects report had been circulated for the information of Councillors.

RESOLVED – The report be accepted.

13. HIGHWAYS WORKING PARTY

Minutes of a meeting of the Working Party held on 4 April had been circulated. There were no recommendations for approval. It was noted that Councillor Dodd had been in attendance. It was also noted that item 3 on page 1 that was mentioned as a recommendation had been approved at the April Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved subject to the insertion of Councillor R Dodd in the list of those present.

14. ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

Minutes of a meeting of the Working Party held on 15 April 2019 had been circulated.

In relation to a previous discussion at the Working Party relating to the possibility of a mosaic in the sensory garden from Richard Coates school, Councillor Mrs Greenwell stated that it appeared that this project would go ahead. The school had been asked to contact the Chairman of the Working Party and the Clerk to attend any site visit that was arranged.

RESOLVED –The minutes be approved

15. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Richard Dodd reported that the County Council topped the league for dealing with potholes.

He referred to the Housing Strategy that was currently out for consultation and he mentioned that NCC were considering the possibility of providing some council housing in the future.

He reported that the temporary play area that had opened on Callerton Lane at Easter was being well used. He also reported that the construction of the school and leisure complex was ahead of schedule and on budget.

Councillor Mrs Veronica Jones stated that she had attended the event at the bridle path held on 4 May. The final stage of this project was the installation of way markers at each of the educational pedestals along the bridle path route and this had now been completed.

She also referred to the ‘Great Northumberland’ and ‘Discover our lands’ initiatives being promoted by the County Council and urged people to get involved.

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16. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor submitted details of his diary engagements for April, May & June 2019.

17. REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

(i) Ponteland Community Partnership

Minutes of the March PCP meeting which was held on the 20th March 2019 had been circulated.

18. ACCOUNTS/ BANK RECONCILIATION/ BUDGET REPORT

The Accounts Committee approved payments totalling £34,685.10. A copy of the monthly budget report was also circulated, as well as the Bank reconciliation for April 2019.

RESOLVED – The reports be accepted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019 AT 6.45 P.M. AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES.

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