

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**Full Council**  
**held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7pm**  
**at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB**

**Committee membership:**

<b>ClIr Batchelor (Broadway)</b>	*	<b>ClIr Macdonald (East)</b>	*
<b>ClIr Brett (East)</b>	*	<b>ClIr Macfarlane (West)</b>	*
<b>ClIr Davis (East)</b>	*	<b>ClIr Nicklin, Vice Chairman of Council and Deputy Mayor (West)</b>	*
<b>ClIr Fraser (West)</b>	*	<b>ClIr Pitcher (Broadway)</b>	*
<b>ClIr Fryer, Chairman of Council and Mayor (Broadway)</b>	*	<b>ClIr Ridout (West)</b>	*
<b>ClIr Jeffries (Copheap)</b>	*	<b>ClIr Robbins (East)</b>	*
<b>ClIr Jolley (Broadway)</b>	*		

Key: \* Present    A Apologies    AB Absent

**In attendance:**

Officers: Fiona Fox and Veronica Mills

Wiltshire Police: PC Charly Chiltern

Public and press: 4 members of the public, 2 members of the press

**FC/17/075    Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies. Councillor Pitcher arrived at 7.15pm.

**FC/17/076    Declarations of Interest**

None.

**FC/17/077    Minutes**

**FC/17/077.1** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**FC/17/077.2** There were no matters arising.

**FC/17/078 Mayor's Announcements**

None.

**FC/17/079 Questions**

None.

**FC/17/080 Public Participation**

None.

**FC/17/081 Correspondence Circulated**

Noted.

**FC/17/082 Reports from Unitary Authority Members and Police**

**FC/17/082.1** There were no reports from the unitary members.

**FC/17/082.2** A written report had been supplied by the police. PC Charly Chiltern invited any questions. Members thanked the police for their recent work in the town park, which had proved effective.

**FC/17/083 Proceedings of Committee**

The minutes of the following meetings **were adopted:**

**Planning Advisory Committee: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Finance and Assets Committee: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**HR Committee: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Town Development Committee: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**FC/17/084 Budget 2018/2019**

There were a number of considerations raised by members when debating the proposed increase in the precept which was caused entirely by the impact of services being devolved and/or discontinued by Wiltshire Council. Of note were the following:

- Wiltshire Council had given insufficient notice of their withdrawal of maintenance of play areas and the Town Council was in a 'take it or leave it' situation. The sum of £1000 per play area (£9000 in total) was not a reasonable contribution to the amount that would be needed to take on these assets and the Council should press for more.
- Some members wanted the freehold to be passed over with the play areas but there were complicated issues regarding land ownership. Wiltshire Council would only be transferring the responsibility for the service delivery. Should the Town Council wish to pursue the issue of freehold they would be liable for the legal costs of ascertaining ownership. Wiltshire Council would continue to insure the play areas until the service transfers took place.
- The Town Council has a good track record in the park and is in the process of introducing recycling bins there. This could be extended throughout the town. The Town Council may need a direct labour force in 12 months' time and needs to be proactive in preparing for this.

- Wiltshire Council should be pressed to transfer assets that bring in revenue, i.e. the car parks.
- Members felt there should be a consultation with the public over taking on the play areas. This would be put on the agenda for the next Devolved Services and Assets Sub Committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**It was resolved unanimously to approve the budget and the precept of £749,012 for 2018–19.**

**FC/17/085 Boats on the Lake**

**It was resolved unanimously to approve capital expenditure of £9,500 for the purchase of four rowing boats and associated equipment for the lake.** It had been part of the agreement when the park was taken on that boats would be reinstated on the lake. Members felt the park was a great asset and this would add to its attraction.

**FC/17/086 Forthcoming Events in the Lake Pleasure Grounds**

The list of events was noted.

**FC/17/087 Communications**

Members requested a press release on the precept. Councillors Ridout and Robbins would be the spokespersons.

**Meeting closed at 7.30pm**