

MINUTES
of the FULL COUNCIL
held on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7pm
at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Committee membership:

Cllr Batchelor (Broadway)	A	Cllr Jolley (Broadway)	A
Cllr Brett (East)	*	Cllr Macfarlane (West)	*
Cllr Davis (East)	*	Cllr Nicklin, Chairman of Council and Mayor (West)	*
Cllr Doyle (East)	*	Cllr Pitcher (Broadway)	*
Cllr Fraser (West)	*	Cllr Ridout (West)	*
Cllr Fryer, (Broadway)	A	Cllr Robbins (East)	*
Cllr Jeffries, Vice Chairman of Council and Deputy Mayor (Copheap)	*		

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Fiona Fox, Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), Tom Dommett, Assistant Town Clerk, Judith Halls, Officer.

Wiltshire Police: 0

Public and Press: 4 member of the public, 2 members of the press and Wiltshire Council Unitary Cllr Tony Jackson

FC/18/086 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Batchelor, Fryer and Jolley

FC/18/087 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Davis and Ridout declared an interest in agenda item 14. Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility, Westbury (18/09473/WCM). They are both Unitary Councillors and to avoid any question of predetermination they would not remain in the room for discussion. Cllr Davis sits on the Strategic Planning Committee and Cllr Ridout is a member of the Western Area planning at Wiltshire Council.

- FC/18/088** **Minutes**
FC/18/088.1 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 19th November 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
FC/18/088.2 Noted.
- FC/18/089** **Mayor's Announcements**
FC/18/089.1 Cllr Nicklin noted it was an interesting agenda and he hoped that all members were fully prepared.
FC/18/089.2 Noted.
- FC/18/090** **Questions**
The clerk confirmed that a couple of queries had been received regarding the precept and that these had been addresses within the papers submitted for item 13. Budget and precept.
- FC/18/091** **To Authorise the Sealing of Documents**
None.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.05pm to allow for public participation

- FC/18/092** **Public Participation**
Mr Chris March, Church Street, Warminster spoke on agenda item 12, The Lake Pleasure Grounds Skatepark project. He encouraged the Members to proceed with this project, having previously worked with Cllr Ridout securing funding, he was delighted to see this project moving forward.
- Harriet James, Bradley Road, Warminster spoke on agenda item 14, Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility, Westbury (18/09473/WCM). She stated that Westbury Town Council, Frome Town Council and Bratton, Heywood and Dilton Marsh Parish Councils had all objected to the Westbury waste gasification plant planning application. She requested that Warminster Town Council did the same and outlined her reasons for opposing the application. The deadline for comments to Wiltshire Council was 23rd January 2019.
- Cllr Tony Jackson, Unitary Councillor advised the committee that he wanted to speak on two agenda items. Firstly, item 12, The Lake Pleasure Grounds Skatepark project. He thanked everyone for the excellent work involved in the skatepark project and felt that this would significantly improve recreation facilities for the youth of the town. Secondly, item 14, Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility, Westbury (18/09473/WCM). Cllr Jackson explained that he felt that it was not for Warminster Town Council to comment on this application.

Mr Alan Green asked for some clarification about the budget headings. The Town Clerk, Fiona Fox provided explanation.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.20pm

FC/18/093 Correspondence Circulated

Noted.

FC/18/094 Reports from Unitary Authority Members and Police

FC/18/094.1 Cllr Davis reminded members that the next Warminster Area Board meeting was due to be held on Thursday 14th February 2019.

Cllr Davis clarified that Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillors should speak within the Reports from Unitary Councillors on the agenda and not within the public participation section.

Cllr Davis comments were noted.

FC/18/094.2 PC Lee Pelling sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting, his police report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk read Members additional information which informed them about the increase in anti-social behaviour in the park, this is being dealt with locally. Warminster is due to have a new PCSO and they will in place once training has been completed. This will restore our compliment of PCSO's to two.

A press release dated 21st January 2019 had been issued from Wiltshire Police about five people arrested during warrants in the Warminster area. More than 30 officers and staff including two drugs dogs took part in an operation targeting drug use in West Wiltshire last week.

The Police report was noted.

FC/18/095 Reports from External Representatives

None.

FC/18/096 Proceedings of Committee

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

FC/18/096.1 HR Committee: 2nd and 15th October 2018 respectively.

FC/18/096.2 Planning Advisory Committee: 12th November 2018

FC/18/096.3 Devolved Services and Assets Committee: 16th October and 22nd November 2018 respectively.

FC/18/096.4 Town Development Committee: 24th September 2018

FC/18/096.5 Finance and Assets: 5th November 2018

The Chairman proposed bringing forward agenda items 14 for discussion and the committee agreed unanimously.

Cllrs Davis and Ridout left the meeting at 7.30pm

FC/18/097 Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility Westbury (18/09473/WCM)

Cllr Nicklin advised Members that this application had been referred by the Town Council's Planning Advisory Committee. Members had felt that as the application was not within the parish it should be referred for consideration to Full Council.

Cllr Nicklin proposed Warminster Town Council supports Wiltshire Council's rejection of the previous application and similarly this new application for the following reasons. This is the wrong location for this type of facility as it is too close to the established community of Westbury. It will also have an unacceptable impact on the landscape and surrounding employment area which is contrary to CP 51 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Seconded Cllr Brett, voting unanimous in favour for refusal.

Cllrs Davis and Ridout returned to the meeting at 7.40pm

FC/18/098 The Lake Pleasure Grounds Skatepark Project

Cllr Nicklin introduced the recommendations from the Skatepark Working Group. Following a discussion, the following was resolved:

FC/18/098.1 Cllr Brett proposed Warminster Town Council should replace the skatepark, seconded Cllr Pitcher, voting unanimous in favour.

FC/18/098.2 Cllr Robbins proposed that the overall project cost, including contingency as set out in the report for decision (£253,767) was approved, seconded Cllr Ridout, voting unanimous in favour.

FC/18/098.3 Cllr Nicklin proposed that the funding sources as set out in the report decision were approved, (Secured £66,624, applied £105,000, CIL/Section 106 £82,143) that Maverick were appointed as the Skatepark construction company, Luceys were appointed to build the haul road, SJ Surveyors were appointed project manager and the outlined time scales were adopted. Seconded Cllr Robbins, voting unanimous in favour.

FC/18/099 Budget and precept 2019-2020

Cllr Robbins firstly proposed that members approved the 2019 - 2020 budget; secondly, Cllr Robbins proposed a precept of £786,483, a 5% increase on the current year. The weekly Band D equivalent will therefore increase by 7p per week/£3.83 per annum. The new Band D equivalent charge will be £127.96 per annum, a 3.09% increase. Seconded Cllr Ridout, voting unanimous in favour.

FC/18/100 Communications

Members agreed to media releases on:

- Budget and Precept – speaker Cllr Robbins
- The Skatepark – speaker Cllr Brett

Meeting closed at 8.01pm