

HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
held on the 20th April 2017

Present: Councillors: Angland, Cook, Free, Haylock, Matthews, Monks,
Shearly-Sanders, Whiting, Wiltshire, Wilson, and Young

In attendance: Babergh District Councillor Campbell

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Free, Deputy Town Mayor, took the Chair.

185. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Sheldrick due to work commitments and Byrne, Haines and Fraser due to personal reasons. These apologies were accepted.

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

187. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 16th March 2017, a copy of which is included in the Minute Book, were taken as read, and were confirmed and signed.

188. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No: 175 – Policing – Councillor Wilson advised that he had heard from the Police Sergeant regarding crimes against the person. It would appear that the increase was mainly domestic related incidents and the chance of being assaulted in the street has not increased.

The Clerk requested approval to include nominations for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be included at this point. This request was unanimously agreed.

189. **TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR NOMINATIONS**

Councillor Cook nominated Councillor Free for Mayor.
Councillor Free nominated Councillor Wilson for Deputy Mayor.

These nominations will be submitted formally at the Annual Town Council Meeting on the 18th May 2017 together with any other nominations received.

190. **POLICING**

The Clerk reported that Sergeant Miah will only be able to attend future meetings on request.

The Clerk advised that Sergeant Miah had updated her on a recent incident outside the Eight Bells Public House.

191. **REPORTS OF THE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Dr. Dawson had provided a written report and tendered her apologies. District Councillor Grandon had tendered her apologies.

District Councillor Campbell provided a verbal report. She answered questions on the proposed reduction in Councillors and how would this affect representation in Hadleigh.

As Councillor Campbell reported that she now sits on the Planning Committee concerns were raised over the recent approval given under Officer Delegated Decision on the planning application for Bridge Street which went against all other authorities' recommendations. The Clerk was asked to write to Philip Isbell and Steven Stroud of Babergh District Council to ascertain why there has been a total disrespect of recommendations made by consultees.

192. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk reported that Babergh District Council would be making the first CIL payment to Hadleigh Town Council of £1,152.94 by the 28th April 2017. This money must be spent within three years on the infrastructure of the town.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain which developments this money had been paid on and a record be kept to monitor future payments.

193. STANDING ORDER NO. 40

Councillor Matthews asked the Clerk to write to Suffolk County Council Highways Department asking that the SLOW markings on Friars Road be re-painted or 30mph signs be put in place as there has been another cat killed on this road by speeding vehicles.

194. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was **RESOLVED** that accounts amounting to £17,120.11 including HMRC, Utilities, SCC Pension Fund and staff salaries, details of which are listed in the Schedule contained in the Minute Book, be approved for payment.

195. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 13th April 2017, a copy of which is included in the Minute Book, were noted.

196. FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – PART 1

The Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 6th April 2017, a copy of which is included in the Minute Book, was received and accepted including the recommendation to make a grant of £250 to the Ansell Community Centre.

197. ENVIRONMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 6th April 2017, a copy of which is included in the Minute Book, was received and accepted subject to item 7 – Any Other Relevant Business – third paragraph – to note that the Chair did not attend the Benton Street meeting and in the fourth paragraph ‘litter pick’ read ‘litter picks’

198. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Clerk reported that around 25 people attended this year’s Annual Town Meeting along with Councillors and a Babergh District Councillor. The Mayor presented Mrs Tracey Loynds with the Town Mayor’s Award. Written reports had been received from 4 local organisations.

There were no matters raised at the meeting requiring the particular attention of the Council.

199. REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Wilson reported that he had attended a couple of meetings about organising a Christmas event with the Chamber of Commerce and Steering Group. Hadleigh Town Council has already agreed that a tree will be in the Market Place. It is hoped that a lantern parade along the High Street to the tree could be arranged. A project manager has been appointed to move this forward.

200. HADLEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councillor Wilson had requested that Hadleigh Town Council consider membership of the newly formed Chamber of Commerce.

It was agreed that Hadleigh Town Council would join the Chamber of Commerce and pay the £50.00 membership fee. Councillor Wilson would represent the Town Council and Councillor Shearly-Sanders would substitute if required.

201. COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Wilson had requested this matter be discussed and asked Councillors how they felt about holding surgeries. This had been raised in 2015 but not been resolved. There were a number of ideas put forward.

Councillor Cook proposed that in principle Councillors supported Councillor Wilson's suggestion to hold surgeries and would come back with concrete information of where and when these surgeries will be held for discussion at the next meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

202. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Angland reported on an email received from a resident who had become a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in which a request was made for Hadleigh Town Council to write to Babergh District Council expressing disappointment in the delay in the production of the Local Plan. It was felt this document would help with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. The resident had already written to James Cartlidge and the District Council. There were other concerns raised in the e.mail about areas in the town.

It was felt that although the delay in producing the Local Plan was disappointing Babergh District Council had confirmed that the draft should be available in July 2017 with the final document being published in 2018.

Councillor Wilson proposed that Hadleigh Town Council did not write a letter to Babergh District Council.

Voting was: 6 For
 3 Against
 1 Abstention

The Clerk reported an error in the Suffolk Association for Local Councils Magazine – The Local Councillor. The website address given on the advert for the MAGIC company is incorrect. The correct address is www.natureonthemap.naturalengland.org.uk.

203. **TOWN MATTERS.**

There were no town matters.

204. **CIRCULARS AND REPORTS**

The following were received:-

- a) Hadleigh Community News – April 2017
- b) Town & Parish Council Newsletter – March 2017
- c) Local Councils Update – March 2017
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2017
- e) The Clerk Magazine – March 2017
- f) Open Space – Spring 2017

205. Confidential Item – In pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Press and the Public shall be excluded for the next item of business on the grounds that it is likely to be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings.

206. **FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – PART 2**

The Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 13th October 2016, was received and accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm