

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 6.45pm in the Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton.

Present: Councillor E R Jones (Chairman)

Councillors Robert Dowie, J Beard, S Bibby, Gillian Brockley, G Cooper, D Evans, Doreen Mackie, M Evans, David Humphreys (reporter) Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene) and Inspector Andrew Griffiths.

16/161 Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors W Barton, Ann Minshull and Ron Davies.

Councillor Robert Dowie advised that he was present at the March meeting but it had not been recorded. The Clerk apologised and it was to be minuted in these minutes (April) that he was present at the March meeting. This was agreed by members.

16/162 Minutes of Council:

a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 6th March 2017, were approved and agreed as a true record and authorised them to be signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising from these minutes:

Various issues were raised from the March Minutes and dealt with. Dog fouling, replacement seat Charmley's Lane, pot hole. Report from meeting with Parc Adfer Community Liaison Group, request for traffic study Strickland Street. 16/151 item 4 amend from "open reach" to "Network Rail".

16/163 Police Items:

Inspector Andrew Griffiths was welcomed to the meeting. Discussions took place regarding cycling on footpaths, drug issues in rear accesses, 101 calls lengthy time in answering.

Inspector Griffiths was going to make arrangements for councillors to visit the control rooms at St Asaph. This will take place after the elections in May. He also advised that a ten minutes wait for response from 101 was not acceptable.

A request for the hedge on the "33 Club" playing field adjacent to the houses on Caernarvon Close be cut back – this was noted.

Two PCSO's would be joining North Flintshire Police – they could be deployed anywhere in the County.

16/164 Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from the secretary of the Student Council at John Summers High School, asking if Shotton Town Council would be able to make a donation to go towards purchasing memento's for the remaining pupils at John Summers High School.

The Chairman advised that he would donate £200 from his allowance towards mementos. Member also proposed that if possible the council should match fund the very kind gesture made by the chairman. The clerk would look at the figures and if available cheque would be made. This was proposed seconded and agreed by all members present.

16/165 Streetscene:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Wayne Jones to the meeting and the following matters were raised.

- Play area Salisbury Street – good job done, various matters were in hand and the glass in this area would be removed.
- Issues still with bin bags being dumped top Salisbury Street – enforcement had been out.
- Railway Embankment – Streetscene unable to go in to clear rubbish until contractors have been in to remove syringes.
- Dog Fouling – 33 Club play area – still an issue – enforcement needed. Hopefully things will change when 'control of dogs act' is implemented.
- Request for dog bin and waste bin bottom end Killins Lane.
- Extra bins on the High Street – Councillor Cooper will enquire about funding from the Deeside Forum. The Chairman thanked Streetscene for the jet wash of the pavements throughout the Town.

16/166 Clerk's Report:

- The "Good Councillor's" guide for Community and Town Councillors had been received from the Welsh government. Clerk advised that the web link for a copy of this would be sent out with Agendas for the AGM for all new members to download.
- The Annual General Meeting of council was due to take place on the 8th May 2017, but due to the elections (4th May) it was necessary that the meeting be moved to the 15th May 2017 and councils approval was required. It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual General Meeting of Shotton Town Council be moved to the 15th May 2017 this was agreed by all members present.

16/167 Amendment to side road order within the Shotton Town Council area:

Member advised that all resident in the areas of consultation had received letter to complete, either giving consent or not consent to the lines being removed.

Rowden Street 9 out of 14 had been returned. Bridge Street 10 out of 13 also returned, all consenting to have lines removed. It was agreed that the new council (May) to continue to deal with the consultation.

16/168 Planning Applications:

The attached list of Planning Application observations were forwarded to the Chief Planning Officer to present to the Planning Committee Meeting. Councillor S Bibby declared interest on planning Application number 16/056695/AW and took no part in the decision made.

16/169 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts in the sum of **£3557.19** (end of year 31st March payments) and **£6945.54** (April payments) were before council that evening for payment. It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts for March and April be approved and payments made.

16/170 Lighting:

- a) **Manweb** – None to report.
- b) **General** – None to report.

16/171 Members Information:

- Councillor Cooper advised that he as the LEA governor had been invited by the Headmaster at St Ethelwold's VA School to give a talk to the pupils of class 3 about his life in South Africa. (Zululand) Q&A a very memorable morning. (3rd April)
- Member advised as Chair of Governors at Venerable Edward Morgan School an Estyn Inspection had taken place, (could not comment on outcome until report released) but she and the Head were pleased with the outcome.
- Member thanked councillor for information given to him with regard to the empty recruitment office (Chester Road West). Lease expired February. Question asked do council have any suggestions for use of these premises.

16/172 Information Items:

None to report.

16/173 Declaration made by members in accordance with councils code of conduct:

Councillor Bibby declared interest on Planning Application ASDA Store (employee)

16/174 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.45pm.

Chairman's Signature

