

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 7.00pm at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood.

PRESENT: Cllr Tony Ring, Town Mayor
Cllr Philip Day, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Andrew Briers
Cllr Jeremy Heron
Cllr Michael Thierry
Cllr Christopher Treleaven
Cllr Tim Ward
Cllr Angela Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk
Mrs Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Tom Weetman, Student Advisors
Finn Rowden, Student Advisor

ABSENT:

Cllr Hilary Edge
Cllr Christine Ford
Cllr Darren Loose
Cllr Gloria O'Reilly
Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine

C/6272 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

C/6273 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ford, Loose, O'Reilly and Rippon-Swaine.

C/6274 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

C/6275 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 27th February 2019, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/6276 RECREATION, LEISURE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Briers presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 6th March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 6th March 2019 be received.

C/6277

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Treleaven presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 1st March 2019.

P/5588 – the Chairman clarified that that the request for disabled parking bays was not for additional bays, but for some to be provided in an alternative location.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 1st March 2019 be received.

C/6278

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Heron presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 20th March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 20th March 2019 be received.

C/6279

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

The Town Mayor reported the following:

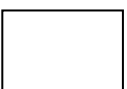
- 1) He and several other councillors had attended the funeral for Anne Murphy, and said that the family had been pleased to see so many councillors in attendance.
- 2) He had toured the town with some concerned residents looking at areas of litter and followed this with a meeting with the District Council's Enforcement Manager, but had been disappointed with the lack of action that could be taken. He was pleased to report that both Ringwood Society and the Hightown Hill Residents' Association would be organising litter picks.
- 3) The French contingent for the Twinning Visit would arrive in Ringwood on 30th May with a gift of an apple tree, which would be planted in Quaker Court. A Civic Reception would be held at 1pm on 31st May in Ringwood Gateway, and he invited all councillors to attend.

C/6280

REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS AND STUDENT ADVISORS

Cllr Day reported on complaints he had received regarding parking around Bickerley and the need for road markings on the A31 eastbound off slip.

Cllr Treleaven reported on concerns raised with him by the Hightown Hill Residents' Association regarding an increase in light pollution coming from the southern part of the town. He was concerned that this could compromise the purpose of the National Park and would be looking into this further. Cllr Wiseman had also received concerns about light pollution, and she was concerned about the impact on ecology.



Cllr Wiseman reported that new graffiti had appeared on several road signs along Christchurch Road.

Cllr Ward reported that the Pancake Race had been a success, despite the weather. There had been a good response from traders for the Charter Market relaunch on 24th April, and promotion of this was continuing.

Student Advisor Tom Weetman gave an update on the parking situation around Ringwood School. He said that letters from Hampshire Constabulary had been left on students' cars, advising that they would be monitoring the area and should there be any obstructions with inconsiderate parking, formal action may be taken.

C/6281

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Heron reported that the District Council had been allocated £31,482 from a government fund to clean high streets. This had been used to purchase new equipment to support local communities to deliver cleaning. He outlined the agenda for Cabinet on 3rd April, which included a proposed homelessness and rough sleeping strategy, 2018/19 provisional outturn financial report, and a proposal to change the housing allocation policy, which he explained would have implications for people on the list and those joining the list in future.

In a response to a question about the stopping of funding for the Nightstop service, it was noted that the District Council could make better use of the funds to deliver more overnight stays to more people.

It was also noted that he had followed up on the enforcement cases raised at the last meeting, and reported they were ongoing and were being dealt with.

C/6282

PRESENTATION OF GRANT AID AWARD

The Town Mayor presented a grant aid cheque for £1,200 to Mr Roger Bettle from Rotary Club of Ringwood, towards the cost of organising Fanfare for Spring 2019. Mr Bettle thanked the Council for its support and said there would be over 30 performers on the day, with something to suit all ages.

C/6283

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 3 rd April 2019
Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 5 th April 2019
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 17 th April 2019
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
Planning, Town and Environment	10.00am	Friday 26 th April 2019

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

APPROVED
24th April 2019

TOWN MAYOR

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