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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

A MEETING OF THE PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL TOOK PLACE
ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019 at 7.30PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE
OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

MINUTES

Present: Cllr S. Atkins, Cllr A. Copus, Cllr David Burden, Cllr R. Evans, Cllr Juliet Fynes,
Cllr R. Hanauer, Cllr C. Kemp (Chair), Cllr J. Scallon, Cllr E. Singleton,
Cllr C. Smith, Cllr J. Thorpe
Melanie Kite, Clerk

District Councillor E. Lintill and the Press were in attendance.
County Councillor Duncton arrived at 8:05pm

37/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman requested that mobile phones should be turned off, and advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of the minutes. He pointed out the fire escape routes.

38/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N. Fox, Cllr R. Pawsey, Cllr M. Peet, Cllr T. Rogers,

39/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

40/19 PETWORTH PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Mrs Clare Wiggs, Mr. Galvin Head teacher at Petworth Primary School and 4 children attended.

The book club started with Key Stage 1 children and was quickly followed by one from Key Stage 2 children. There are 12 members in all.

2 children from each of the two book clubs gave a brief presentation of what books they had read and each of the 12 member children had done a little written piece which was displayed on a board.

Mrs Wiggs and Mr. Galvin gave a general overview. The children choose their own books from the Petworth Book shop who then get the books in for the children. The older children, having read the book, discuss it whilst the younger ones read to enjoy the book and often do not finish a book in one term. The book clubs had raised awareness of reading and ignited a lot of interest from other children. There are now more children wanting to join a book club.

41/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Hanauer, seconded Cllr Smith, all in favour.

42/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There no matters arising from those Minutes.

43/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting adjourned

No members of the public were present.

Meeting reconvened

44/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor E. Lintill

In Purdah now

Full Council approved the Budget. District Council's increase in the council tax for next year is £5 per year on a Band D property.

£250,000 on the New Homes Bonus Fund is available again next year.

The elections are now taking up all the time.

Cllr Kemp asked for the painting of the lamp posts to be finished off.

7:50pm District Cllr Lintill leaves the meeting.

8:05pm County Councillor Duncton arrived

County Councillor Duncton

There had been a meeting with Hyde Housing regarding the cutting of the hedge at Dawtry Road. This should now be progressed.

An Ofsted inspection for Children's Services had taken place. The report is not yet available.

More retained Firemen and women are required, could councillors put the word around town.

Cllr Hanauer asked if the Velo South cycle race was going to go ahead this year.

It will not happen this year but there will be cycling events scheduled to come through Petworth in the future. It is expected that there will be no total road closures for the day as with the Velo South last year.

45/19 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 19th February were adopted by council.

Proposed Cllr Copus, seconded Cllr Burden, all agreed.

An overview of the accounts at the 11 month stage was given by Cllr Copus. The accounts are looking fine and by year end there should be a small under-spend which will boost general reserves.

Grants applied for:

Council Members approved the grant awards for Petfringe, £800.00; Petworth Festival £250.00 and Petworth Gardener's club had the grant award increased from £350.00 to £400.00

Proposed Cllr Copus, seconded Cllr Burden unanimously approved.

Petworth In Bloom: A working party will be formally established with Terms of Reference and an outline on its structure and purpose.

46/19 HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Kemp asked the council to adopt the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 13th February which were approved at the last meeting.

Proposed Cllr Copus, seconded Cllr Evans, all agreed.

There was no update on the Rotherlea development Call-In

47/19 OPEN SPACES

On the proposal of Cllr Hanauer, seconded Cllr Burden the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were adopted by Council.

A resident's consultation meeting will be held in May over the siting of the youth shelter.

Cllr Hanauer asked the Members to approve the new rental charges for the allotments from April 2020 (circulated with the Agenda). The average allotment size of 160m² to be used as the benchmark for 1 plot as follows:

Station Road and Tillington Road - £44.00, Grove Lane - £50.00 and Sheepdown - £55.00

Proposed Cllr Scallon seconded Cllr Smith all members agreed.

48/19 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE GROUPS

- **Petworth Business Association**

As the PBA has no postal address it will use the Town Council's office address

There was no objection to this.

- **Traffic**

A residents meeting from North Street and Angel Street took place on Tuesday 5th March.

All viable options and proposals will be brought to Council in April for approval.

- **Leconfield Hall**

No further update.

- **Petworth Park Sports Club**

Junior football and cricket are doing well.

The club has entered a softball league

Adult cricket – 18 home games have been booked for this upcoming season

The Master Plan is still progressing well and the extended lease is nearly ready to be signed.

- **Petworth Gardening**

Cllr Copus reiterated that the Finance committee had approved expenditure for the hanging baskets and bulbs and shrubs for spring and summer planting.

The BBC series of villages and towns in the 'In Bloom' competition will be shown in the Leconfield Hall on 29th March when Petworth is featured.

- **Petworth Tourism**

The working party members are: Cllr Singleton, Richard Kevis, a member from the National Trust and Georgina Willis.

The first meeting had taken place on Tuesday 26th February. The working party decided that it would capitalize on what Petworth has to offer as a start.

Cllr Fynes suggested that it might be a good idea to have another map which showed all the historical buildings and structures of interest around the town.

49/19 LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Clerk gave a brief overview for the elections on May 2nd.

A poster advertising the elections and calling on new candidates to stand had been published on the council website and Face Book. The website had a link to a document to explain what a council and councillors do.

Nomination packs are available from the town office; need to be handed in to CDC by 4pm on 3rd April

Candidates will be announced on April 4th

Purdah began 19th March

Post election:

Current council ceases on 7th May.

Annual Town Council meeting (1st of new council) will be held Thursday 16th May

There will be no committee meetings between 7th and 16th May

50/19 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Friday 24th May was noted as the date for the annual town meeting.

51/19 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of council will be 18th April.

Meeting Closed 9:02pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____