



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Room, Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

<p>Present</p>	<p>Cllr G Wright Cllr S Paines Cllr P Galan-Bamfield Cllr P Paul Cllr C Butler Cllr A Stafford Cllr S Rennie Cllr M Wardell Cllr S Botham Cllr S Greenyer</p> <p>1 member of the public was present and co-opted to the Council at the meeting.</p> <p>Jo Tudor</p> <p>Alison Budge</p>	<p>Chairman Vice Chairman</p> <p>Clerk Deputy Clerk</p>
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Stephen Greenyer introduced himself to the council and confirmed his wish to be co-opted.</p>	
<p>Report from Unitary Councillor</p>	<p>Cllr Wright confirmed he and Cllr Blair-Pilling are in contact with the MOD about integration with the new families from Afghanistan living in Larkhill.</p> <p>Cllr Wright said the five youth events the Council agreed to part fund were being scheduled and the first event will take place at the Recreation Ground on the 31st of May.</p> <p>Cllr Wright advised that a white van abandoned in Charles Road was in fact stolen and will be taken away shortly.</p>	

Minute No.	Minute	Action
181/23	ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – apologies received and accepted from Cllr Smith, and Cllr Silk.	
182/23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.	
183/23	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The council approved the minutes of the meeting on the 26 th of March 2024.	Clerk to put on website.
184/23	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES - There were no matters arising.	
185/23	INTERVIEW OF CO_OPTION CANDIDATE AND VOTE The Council voted to accept Mr Greenyer as a new Councillor. Mr Greenyer signed the acceptance of office declaration form and joined the council.	
186/23	PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE – the Finance Committee minutes for the meeting on the 19 th of December were received.	
187/23	CHAIRMANS REPORT – the Chairman referred to the Planning meeting held on the 17 th of April was well attended with at least 60 residents asking for more details on the planned development. There are 40 comments on the application itself. The Chairman requested the clerk resend the Agenda application form to all councillors explaining how an item can be put on the agenda. The Clerk confirmed all agenda items are required two weeks before the meeting.	Clerk to circulate form.
188/23	REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBLE FOR AMENITIES – Cllr Stafford advised the river having dropped slightly is now high again so the repair of the fishing platform will have to wait. Cllr Wardell confirmed no issues at the Avon fields play area save for the gate to the playpark, which the Clerk has instructed to be repaired.	

	<p>Cllr Paines advised an internal light at the Hall needs replacing.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Avon field allotments were in good order. Speedwatch has three new members and will be out and about shortly.</p> <p>Cllr Rennie confirmed Millenium Park Allotments are in good order as is the cemetery.</p>	
189/23	<p>REPORT FROM THE CLERK –</p> <p>The Clerk advised the resignation of the assistant youth worker. The Staffing committee will meet to discuss this next week.</p> <p>The cableways have been serviced and tightened.</p> <p>The year end internal audit went well, and the AGAR has been completed for approval.</p> <p>There was a site meeting at Fargo Road playpark which is part of a later discussion.</p> <p>The ihasco online training has been used by half of the staff already.</p> <p>The Mosquito has been installed at the Pavilion.</p> <p>The cemetery software is working well, and the office will collate all historic information to send to scribe for adding into the program.</p>	
190/23	<p>ACCOUNTS -</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the cheques and debits for March 2024 b. The bank reconciliation for March 2024 c. and the year-end Accounts for 2023/24. 	
191/23	<p>PROPOSALS –</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following: -</p> <p>the Internal Auditors Report</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To complete and sign Section 1 of the AGAR Part 3 for the external auditor. b. To complete and sign Section 2 of the AGAR Part 3 for the external auditor. c. To note the split of Ear-marked reserves and general reserves as of 31st March 2024. d. To approve the Privacy Policy. e. To transfer £1500 form the EMR for the River Park to a new reserve for the website improvements. f. To approve the spend of £1,300 on the Recreation Ground Playpark surface. g. To amend the terms of reference for the two new committees allowing up to a maximum of 7 members on each committee. h. To accept the recommendations from the LHFIG report on crossings at Larkhill. i. To approve the Working Party terms of reference. j. To sign the Civility and Respect Pledge. 	
<p>192/23</p>	<p>DISCUSSION –</p> <p>Youth update review – The councillors reviewing the youth service are going to Larkhill next month to visit with the youth service there for ideas and observation. The resignation of the current assistant youth worker is due to her obtaining full time employment elsewhere, not a dissatisfaction with the role. The adverts for a new assistant youth worker should be publicised straight away.</p> <p>Fargo Road update – The councillors approved the draft letter to residents which will be delivered at the end of the week. They accepted the playpark requires some TLC and that the ball games area will be separated by a fence and possibly two new items of equipment could be added to the playpark area. They suggested the park was checked on every couple of days to see if the dog use is on set days.</p> <p>Website working party update – The councillors were asked to check out a similar website and were advised this could be produced at a cheaper cost than a completely new website, as it is an upgraded version from the company who provide the current website. There will be a zoom meeting to discuss how it all works which will be relayed to the council at the next meeting.</p> <p>Venue for Council Meetings – The Council considered changing the venue of its meetings, it felt the loss of revenue outweighed any benefit and a new projector</p>	

	could be arranged for the Robinson room to make presentations easier.	
193/23	PLANNING – No applications were considered.	
194/23	CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence was received.	
196/23	There was no Confidential business to discuss	
197/23	THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 28th May 2024 At the Pavilion.	

_____ **CHAIRMAN**

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