



**DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Room, Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.**

<p><b>Present</b></p>	<p> <b>Cllr G Wright</b>  <b>Cllr S Paines</b>  <b>Cllr P Galan-Bamfield</b>  <b>Cllr P Paul</b>  <b>Cllr C Butler</b>  <b>Cllr A Stafford</b>  <b>Cllr S Rennie</b>  <b>Cllr M Wardell</b>  <b>Cllr S Smith</b>  <b>Cllr S Greenyer</b>  <b>Cllr I Silk</b>  <b>Cllr G Eydmann</b> </p> <p>One member of the public was in attendance and co-opted to the council.</p> <p> <b>Jo Tudor</b>  <b>Alison Budge</b> </p>	<p> <b>Chairman</b>  <b>Vice Chairman</b> </p> <p> <b>Clerk</b>  <b>Deputy Clerk</b> </p>
<p><b>Public Participation</b></p>	<p>Garry Eydmann requested to join the council and answered a few questions from the council and gave a brief synopsis of his experience and why he wanted to be co-opted. He felt the Facilities and Amenities Committee would be a good fit for his abilities.</p>	
<p><b>Report from Unitary Councillor</b></p>	<p>Cllr Wright reported that Wiltshire Council had repainted yellow lines around the village. He then explained that the weeds in the gully's around the village would normally be controlled by Wiltshire Council, but Wiltshire Council have to prioritise what is taken care of and the village weeds whilst a priority with residents, they cannot be Wiltshire Council's first concern and the Town Council will discuss the weeds later in the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Wright was trying to obtain more information about the families from Afghanistan housed in Larkhill to help</p>	

	integrate them into the community and has asked for further information so that more support can be arranged. The planning application for Newhaven Larkhill Road, was called into the Southern Area Planning Committee, unfortunately due to an error Cllr Wright was not advised of the meeting time and day when the application was discussed. The outcome would have been no different and an apology from the committee for this oversight will be made.	
<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>21/24</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES</b> – apologies received and accepted from Cllr Botham.	
<b>22/24 &amp; 23/24</b>	These items were deferred until later in the meeting to allow Cllr Silk and Cllr Rennie to attend, as they were unable to make the start of the meeting.	
<b>24/24</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> – The council approved the minutes of the meeting on the 28th <sup>of</sup> May 2024.	
<b>25/24</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES</b></p> <p>Cllr Smith gave an update from the IT working party and requested the item be put on the Agenda every month as a way of the working party feeding back information to the council regularly. She and the Deputy Clerk spent hours looking at the website and creating the site map which was sent to all for comments, and which would now be sent to Vision to be used for the new website in the up-to-date version of the software. She said the members area was a work in progress, and each member should have their own password.</p> <p>Cllr Butler had a few questions about the planning application for Hackthorne Road and whether or not the application having been amended the comments made previously by residents and the council still stood or needed to be repeated. Cllr Wright said the amendments were so insignificant that the comments made by all still stand.</p> <p>Cllr Butler mentioned the Parish Plan completed in 2016, which was circulated for all before the meeting and can be found on the website, he confirmed having read the plan he felt the council now needed to look at 30-50 years hence and where the parish was going to be at this time. The Parish Plan will be put on the Agenda for a discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to put IT Plan on members area of website</p> <p>Clerk – put Parish plan on website.</p>

	<p>Cllr Butler suggested the Council should provide a nominated councillor to offer to be a trustee for the Bulford Scouts and given his former involvement with the Scouts he offered to take on this role.</p>	
<b>26/24</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b> – The Chairman reminded all members that the meetings are in public and as such remarks should be appropriate for public record.</p>	
<b>27/24</b>	<p><b>The Clerk reported the following matters –</b>  The bank mandate has been amended in quick time due to a new online process. The Cemetery monument test highlighted a problem with a memorial on one of the commonwealth war graves which the Clerk had arranged to be seen by a local stone mason. Due to the nature of the memorial the CWWG cannot help and any more work will need to be funded by the council as it is unlikely any family will be located in Canada.  The cemetery software migration is a large project and taking some time to integrate the records. The numbering for the early graves is not permanent and moveable the clerk would like to look at more permanent markers for all of the graves not just the new ones. The mapping of the graves has a few errors which need investigating further.  The website training for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk was very helpful and from this the members area was created.  The Clerk is looking at the Local Council Award scheme and will register the council for this.  The Clerk then sought advice from the council over an allotment issue.</p>	<p>Clerk to Register the council for the award scheme.</p>
<b>28/24</b>	<p><b>INTERVIEW OF CO-OPTION CANDIDATES –</b>  Garry Eydmann was interviewed and co-opted</p>	
<b>29/24</b>	<p><b>PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE –</b> there were no committee minutes to receive.</p>	
<b>30/24</b>	<p><b>ACCOUNTS -</b>  The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.  a. the cheques and debits for May 2024  b. The bank reconciliation for May 2024</p>	

<p><b>22/24</b></p>	<p><b>Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Finance and HR committee.</b></p> <p>Cllr Rennie was proposed and seconded and elected as Chairman. Cllr Smith was proposed and seconded for vice chairman and elected.</p>	
<p><b>23/24</b></p>	<p><b>Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Facilities and Amenities Committee.</b></p> <p>Cllr Greenyer was proposed, seconded and elected as Chairman of the committee, Cllr Butler was proposed, seconded and elected as Vice Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>31/24</b></p>	<p><b>PROPOSALS –</b></p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED to approve</b> the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> The amended Youth Service Risk Assessment.</li> <li><b>b.</b> The Complaints Policy.</li> <li><b>c.</b> The Document and Retention Scheme.</li> <li><b>d.</b> The Social Media Policy provided it is reviewed annually.</li> <li><b>e.</b> The Fire Policy – subject to changing the description from Company to Council.</li> <li><b>f.</b> The terms of Reference for the Youth review Working Party.</li> <li><b>g.</b> To defer the question of a new dog poo bin until further details on costs are obtained.</li> <li><b>h.</b> To approve the request to LHFIG for Bollards at the top of Bulford Road.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to put all approved Policies on the Website.</p> <p>Cllr Paul to make the request to LHFIG</p>
<p><b>32/24</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION –</b></p> <p>Raising the awareness of Speedwatch, Cllr Paul felt that Speedwatch was not deterring speeding motorists in the village. Cllr Wright explained three new volunteers have joined Speedwatch and there are 8-9 Speed indication devices in the Village more than many</p>	

	<p>other villages have. He said that Speedwatch gather data which helps the police decided when and where to affect a speed check.</p> <p>Cllr Paul raised the issue of Parking along Hackthorne Road during the open Garden weekend recently. He found between 50 to 70 metres of parked cars on a blind bend and asked if permission from police or highways is needed when putting on such events. Cllr Wright explained permission for such an event is not necessary and that he would communicate the problem to the event organisers.</p> <p>Weeds in the village, are becoming very noticeable and Residents are complaining about them. Whilst these come under the remit of Wiltshire Council, and will not be addressed this year, the council can ask the Parish Steward to help out but he will not be able to deal with the whole village. It was mooted that the council should explain to the residents that the problem is not going to be resolved and the council encourages residents to help out and remove weeds from the gully's near where they live, as we all have a responsibility to look after where we live.</p>	<p>GW to contact local residents about parking</p> <p>Clerk will design posters and put on Facebook for all residents to see.</p>
<b>33/24</b>	<b>PLANNING</b> – No applications were considered.	
<b>34/24</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE –</b></p> <p>The Clerk received a report from the PCSO which she will circulate.</p> <p>The Chairman had a note about the weeds which had already been addressed.</p>	
<b>35/24</b>	No Confidential business was discussed.	
<b>36/24</b>	<b>THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024.</b>	

\_\_\_\_\_ **CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATED.**