

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
AND STREAMED ON YOUTUBE ON TUESDAY, 19TH MAY 2020 AT 6.20PM**

Present: Cllr. R. Phipps – Town Mayor
Cllr. P. Williams – Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Ash
Cllr. J. Atkins – *(part meeting as connectivity interrupted)*
Cllr. A. Henderson
Cllr. D. Matthews
Cllr. I. Palmer
Cllr. J. Orme
Cllr. E.S. Russell

In attendance: Ms. T. Higgs – Town Clerk
Miss. A. Winston – PA to the Mayor and Clerk
Mr. I. Wedlake – Projects and Facilities Manager
Members of the Public

COUNCIL NOT IN FORMAL SESSION

For Councillors and Members of the Public

The Mayor asked everyone to pause for reflection and to think of those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Questions and Statements Public Time

There were none.

Police Report

There was none.

County Councillor Reports

Cllr Russell presented a report:

COVID 19 - Care Homes

There is a lot of activity taking place to support care home across health and care. Work has focussed on ensuring coordination across organisations. There are 3,741 clients in the DCC area as of 7 May 2020. As of 11 May 2020 across the Devon County Council footprint there are 23 care homes with confirmed outbreaks of positive staff or residents and 10 care homes with unconfirmed outbreaks.

Testing - Testing has been a complex and not always a clear and coherent picture nationally. This has made it all the more challenging to operate locally across the many strands of work taking place and the number of players involved.

Local Directors of Public Health have been asked to lead work with Directors of Adult Social Services, local NHS providers, and Public Health Regional Directors to ensure that testing of staff and residents in care settings is joined up, and that available national capacity is targeted to areas and care homes with the greatest need.

Locality NHS Hospital Managers are keeping County Members briefed on the up to date position for each Care Home in their Divisions.

Public Health - The Public Health Annual Report 2019/20 has now been published and is available on the DCC website with a strong emphasis on the environment, air quality, flood risk, mental health, migration and community health.

On street Parking - From Monday 18th May, parking enforcement will be reinstated for Pay and Display, Limited Waiting and Residents Parking. In line with national guidance we will utilise warning notices for the first week as we recommence enforcement of these restrictions and then return to live enforcement on Monday 25th May. Due consideration will be provided via the appeals process throughout the pandemic period.

Lidl Zebra Crossing - Responding to a query from a Town Councillor as to the current position, it is confirmed that the work is scheduled for this financial year and funding is in place. I do not have a start date at the moment.

Highway Requests - The list is open for No Waiting and other Highway restrictions work to be considered for the next financial year

The next Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 16th June 2020.

Cllr John Clatworthy – a report had been received via email which the Clerk read out:

1 Regarding the 19/20 revenue budget at month 10 the projected overspend was put at £1.3 million which is a reduction of £2.1 million for the previous forecast. However, this does not include the £21 million on the Dedicated School's Grant SEND (High Needs Block), this deficit will not be dealt with at the end of the financial year but held on the balance sheet as a negative reserve and this will allow the deficit to be managed over several years. Underfunding of High needs is a national issue.

2 The Capital Budget including carry forwards was £150.9 million and the year end forecast of spend is £119.8 million with the slippage being £31.1 million.

3 The Capital receipts from the sale of surplus properties was £6.2 million and I am still involved chairing the Assets Group

District Councillor Reports

There were none.

Town Councillor Reports

There were none.

Reports from Outside Bodies

There were none

Presentations from Outside Bodies

There were none.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION – PART 1

1. USE OF MOBILE PHONES

In accordance with Minute 30, mobile phones be limited to personal use only (in case of emergencies) and in which case the Councillor is to leave the room to respond. Mobile phones are to be switched to silent during the meeting to avoid disruption.

2. THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION(S)

Members are reminded that they are to declare any interest in the items to be transacted and that the timescale to alter stated interests with the Districts Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

Under the Code of Conduct, Councillors with a registerable interest must leave the room for the duration of consideration of the item to which the interest relates.

Those with 'other' interest must apply the tests as set out in the Code of conduct as to whether or not there are circumstances that might enable them to remain.

A request for a dispensation is to be made to the Town Clerk, no less than 5 working days before Council meetings. The Council may grant a member(s) a dispensation(s) to participate in a discussion and vote on a matter at a meeting even if he/she has an interest.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

5. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the Council's first virtual meeting. She thanked Councillors for their effort during the Covid-19 pandemic.

6. BUSINESS (IF ANY) ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR

There was none.

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked Councillors and members of the public who have come together to support people of the town during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Items requiring approval

8. TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2020

Cllr Williams proposed to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Orme and agreed by majority. Cllrs Matthews and Palmer abstained as they were not present at the meeting. Cllr Atkins was absent for the vote.

9. COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2020

Minute number 315 - the Clerk conveyed an amendment to the list of apologies as Cllr Henderson had not been included.

Minute number 324 and 326 – the Clerk conveyed an amendment as Cllr Atkins' name had been recorded incorrectly as *Cllr Atkinson*.

Cllr Matthews proposed to accept the amendments as above, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Palmer proposed to approve the Minutes subject to the rectification of amendments, seconded by Cllr Orme and agreed by majority. Cllr Ash abstained as he was not present at the meeting. Cllr Atkins was absent for the vote.

10.PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Ash presented the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 27 March 2020 and 22 April 2020.

Cllr Orme proposed to adopt the Minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed. Cllr Atkins was absent for the vote.

11.POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Clerk presented the report and recommendation to postpone the Annual Council meeting (when the Mayor is elected) for six months.

Cllr Matthews proposed to approve the postponement of the Annual Council meeting for six months, seconded by Cllr Russell and unanimously agreed. Cllr Atkins was absent for the vote.

12.COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the report and recommendation to postpone the Composition of Committees for six months.

Cllr Williams proposed to approve the postponement of Composition of Committees for six months, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed. Cllr Atkins was absent for the vote.

13.POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk presented the report and recommendation to postpone the Annual Parish meeting until December 2020.

Cllr Matthews proposed to approve the postponement of the Annual Parish meeting until December 2020, seconded by Cllr Palmer and agreed by majority. Cllr Orme voted against.

14. TO APPROVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020-21

The Clerk presented the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2020-2021 and said a monthly Full Council meeting would take place in June and July 2020 with a view to resuming meetings as usual from September 2020.

Cllr Williams proposed to approve the Calendar of Meetings 2020-2021, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.

15. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk presented the report and revised Standing Orders given the Coronavirus Act 2020.

Cllr Matthews proposed to adopt the revised Standing Orders as presented, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed.

16. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk presented the report and revised Financial Regulations and Procurement Policy.

Cllr Atkins proposed to adopt the revised Financial Regulations and Procurement Policy as presented, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.

17. CAFÉ PAVEMENT LICENCE FEES 2020

The Mayor presented the report and proposal to waive the café pavement licence fee for 2020.

Cllr Orme proposed to approve to waive the licence fee for 2020, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.

18. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk presented the report.

Cllr Matthews proposed to approve the report and actions as presented, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

19. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Cllr Atkins presented the report and recommendations.

Cllr Russell proposed to approve the allocation of the budgeted sum of £5,000 as outlined and an additional £1,000 specifically for the lantern parade, seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously agreed.

20. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The receipts and payments and bank reconciliation for March 2020 had been circulated to Councillors.

Cllr Palmer proposed to approve the accounts as presented for March 2020, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed.

21. DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

Precludes this authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public.

Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.

Cllr Orme asked for an update regarding the re-opening of public conveniences and the Clerk replied that Officers are working with contractors and they hope to re-open the facilities as soon as possible.

Cllr Atkins conveyed that the draft plan for the Teignmouth Neighbourhood Plan has been finalised and will be presented to Council in June. The group are now developing policies.

The meeting closed at 7.14pm.

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**COUNCILLOR R PHIPPS
TOWN MAYOR**

Bitton House, Teignmouth
20 May 2020

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