

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Droitwich Spa Town Council held in the Council Chamber, St. Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on **Monday 15 January 2018** at 7.10pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Best (Mayor)
Councillor R G Beale
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor G A Duffy
Councillor L Evans
Councillor Mrs S Harris
Councillor Mrs A Hawkins
Councillor A H Laird
Councillor R J Morris
Councillor W T Moy
Councillor T J Noyes
Councillor A Roberts
Councillor A M Sinton
Councillor Mrs K Tomalin

APOLOGIES for absence: Councillors Ms J Bolton, A Humphries and R E Murphy..

PUBLIC QUESTIONS SESSION

No questions were submitted for consideration.

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208 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor R J Morris declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 inasmuch as he was Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

209 STANDING ORDER NO 41 – NOTIFICATION – RESCISSION OF DECISION – DRAFT MINUTE NO 187, SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 18 DECEMBER 2017 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP DOCUMENTATION

Pursuant to draft Minute No 187 of the Special Meeting of Council on 18 December 2017, notification had been received under the provisions of Standing Order No 41 as follows – “We the undersigned Town Councillors request that the Town Council’s endorsement of the documentation of the Neighbourhood Planning Group, as presented to Council on 18 December 2017 be rescinded.” The requisite number of councillors to request such action was six and the notice had been signed by thirteen councillors. It was noted that should rescission of this Minute be adopted then it was open to Council to reconsider the matter to give clarity to the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

It was proposed by Councillor T J Noyes, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Harris, and

RESOLVED

1. That the Town Council's endorsement of the documentation of the Neighbourhood Planning Group, as presented to Council on 18 December 2017 and recorded in draft Minute No 187 be rescinded.
2. That the Town Council reaffirms its commitment to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town.
3. That the Neighbourhood Planning Group be thanked for all its hard work to date and in the future.
4. That a Planning Consultant be appointed by the Town Council to produce its Neighbourhood Plan, working with the Neighbourhood Planning Group.
5. That Peter Hamilton of Cass Associates (currently undertaking Malvern Town Council's Local Plan) be engaged to progress the Neighbourhood Plan as per the Outline Fee Proposal dated 3 October 2017, (sent to Councillor R J Morris and thereafter presented to Council on 18 December 2017).
6. That an appropriate budget be set utilising the Town Council's Reserves and Balances and with grant aid sought.

The motion was declared carried, there voting For – 14, Against – 0, with 1 Abstention.

[Councillor R J Morris requested that his abstention from voting be so recorded.]

The Meeting closed at 7.16pm.

Chairman of Council _____
29 January 2018