

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 18 December 2017** at 6.50pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Best (Mayor)
Councillor Ms J Bolton
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 Humphries
Councillor A H Laird
Councillor R J Morris
Councillor W T Moy
Councillor R E Murphy
Councillor T J Noyes
Councillor Mrs K Tomalin

APOLOGIES for absence: Councillors R G Beale, A Roberts and A M Sinton.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS SESSION

No questions were submitted for consideration.

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184 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr M Keld, Assistant Town Clerk Community & Amenities declared a prejudicial interest as recorded in Minute No 174 of the Resources Committee meeting held on 18 December 2017 (postponed from 11 December 2017), prior to the meeting of Council and pertaining to Agenda Item 5 – Recommendations arising from the meeting of Resources Committee.

185 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor thanked all those Councillors who had attended and/or been involved with the Civic Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols. It had been an excellent event.

186 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO THE DROITWICH SPA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Pursuant to Minute No 129, Council meeting 25 September 2017, Council considered the appointment of a representative(s) to the Droitwich Spa Council for Voluntary Services.

RESOLVED That Councillor A Humphries be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Droitwich Spa Council for Voluntary Services for the remainder of the municipal year.

187 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP - DOCUMENTATION

Pursuant to Minute No 118, Council meeting 25 September 2017, Council reviewed documentation pertinent to the Neighbourhood Planning Group as follows:

- a) Budget
- b) Grant Application
- c) Statement of Intent – S Griffiths

In addition the following quotations from Neighbourhood Planning Consultancies sent to Councillor R J Morris 3 October 2017 had been circulated to all councillors:

- Avon Planning Services
- Cass Associates
- Kirkwells

Councillor Mrs S Harris advised that she wished to discuss matters of a personal, financial and legal nature and proposed that the press and public be now excluded from the meeting under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by virtue of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involved such matters. This was seconded by Councillor G R Brookes. Councillors Morris and Noyes advised that this was not necessary and that all matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan would benefit from observation and scrutiny and Councillor Morris referred to the three members of the Group in attendance at the meeting (namely Mr J Armstrong, Mrs K Hamilton and Mr P Hawkins).

Upon being put to the vote, the motion to exclude the public and press was declared lost.

Thereafter Council considered matters pertaining in particular to the Statement of Intent, liability and the Grant Application. In response to questions Councillor Morris advised upon volunteer involvement and analysis by the Group of the quotations from the planning consultants obtained by the Town Clerk.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor R J Morris, seconded by Councillor T J Noyes, and

RESOLVED That the documentation as now presented and pertinent to the Neighbourhood Planning Group be approved, namely:

- a) Budget
- b) Grant Application
- c) Statement of Intent – S Griffiths

There voting For – 9, Against – 0 with 4 Abstentions.

[Councillors Mrs C Bowden, G R Brookes, Mrs S Harris and W T Moy requested that their abstention from voting be so recorded.]

188 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD PRIOR TO COUNCIL ON 18 DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED That the Recommendations at Minute Nos 182 - Landholdings and 183 – Succession Planning, both of the Meeting of Resources Committee held on 18 December 2017 (postponed from 11 December 2017) be approved and adopted.

The Meeting ended with Christmas greetings from the Chairman at 7.23pm, prior to the serving of seasonal refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour.

Chairman of Council _____
29 January 2018