

Droitwich Spa Town Council

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18 January 2022

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of Droitwich Spa Town Council to be held in the Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire on Monday 24 January 2022 at 6.00pm.



Mark Keld
Town Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public are invited to attend the Meeting. Time is set aside at 5.45pm before the start of the Council meeting to receive any questions about items on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration. Notification of any requests should be lodged with the Town Clerk by 1pm that same day at the latest. Members of the public may not take part in the Council Meeting. Due to ongoing Covid 19 precautions the numbers of attendees may be limited because of space constraints.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interests
3. To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13 December 2021[*enclosed*]
4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
5. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION – June 2022 - To consider the following motion for Droitwich Spa Town Council which was passed unanimously by Worcestershire County Council on 13th January 2022.

“This Council acknowledges the unique achievement of Her Majesty, The Queen, in being our longest-serving monarch; it commends her long life of service to our nation, our Commonwealth and many aspects of International life. It requests the Mayor to send loyal congratulations on behalf of our residents and agrees to support them during the 4-day 2022 programme of events, around Droitwich Spa as permitted by the Covid restrictions at the time: supporting tree plantings and other activities and to encourage the use of Council funds appropriately where possible to support the costs of celebrating The Platinum Jubilee.”

6. To receive and consider the Minutes of the under-mentioned meetings:-

- 1 Planning Committee – 17 January 2022 *[to follow]*
- 2 Community & Amenities Committee – 17 January 2022 *[to follow]*
- 3 Resources Committee – 17 January 2022 *[to follow]*

7. COUNCIL ESTIMATES & PRECEPT 2022/2023

Full Report previously attached with Agendas for Community & Amenities Committee and Resources Committee on 17 January 2022 *[for information]*

To receive and consider:

- a) The recommendations of the Community and Amenities Committee upon the estimates pertinent to budgets within the control of that Committee *[see Minute 220 of Community and Amenities Committee 17 January 2022]*
- b) The recommendations of the Resources Committee for the setting of estimates for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and to set the precept request *[see Minute No's 224 & 225 of Resources Committee 17 January 2022]*

8. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDING

To confirm the following project updates.

- (a) Edition Two – High School Community Cabin – The High School have advised that a meeting of the Management Committee for the facility is scheduled for the week commencing 17 January 2022. Thereafter updates will be provided for Full Council including through the designated representative Elected Members (Councillors Craigie & Hopkins) *[for information]*.
- (b) Edition Three – Droitwich Spa Augmented Reality Heritage Trail App. A meeting with the newly appointed replacement Service Provider is due to take place in the next few weeks. This is conducive towards resolving the usability issues with the App, enhancing the content and considering options for a relaunch and updated publicity later in the year. Further updates will be provided in due course *[for information]*.
- (c) Edition Four – Full details have been provided at the Meeting of Full Council on 13th December 2021 from Wychavon District Council. It has been suggested that the fourth and final tranche of Community Legacy Funding will encourage applications from those Parishes across the District which have not applied in the previous three rounds or have been unsuccessful with their applications. The fourth edition does nevertheless offer a further opportunity for an application to be submitted from Droitwich Spa Town Council. Some of the criteria and terms & conditions of the scheme have changed for the fourth edition. Stage one applications for expression of interest opens on 4 January 2022 until 4 March 2022 with further details to be announced.

At the Meeting of Council on 13 December 2021 it was resolved (minute reference 201) for options to be investigated further and reported back for the following suggested projects in order to consider application submissions.

1. Copcut Park – Connectivity Improvements for Copcut Rise and steps towards achieving Green Flag Park Status. Options for possible collaborative working on a Community Legacy Funding application with Salwarpe, Martin Hussingtree & Hindlip Parish Council.
2. Cycle Pump Track options for Droitwich Spa.

For option 1 a response/ contact is currently awaited from the neighbouring Parish. The A38 embankment land which elevates from the Park towards Copcut Rise has been confirmed to be unregistered land status and is not within the ownership or jurisdiction of Droitwich Spa Town Council. This land is significant in that it is regularly being used as a short cut by persons towards the Town Centre. The land is steep uneven woodland with many substantial trees. Due to the unregistered status this land is not subject to any liabilities or any maintenance regime. WCC Highways have worked with the Town Council to help determine the land holding position, including land registry mapping and enquiries. These factors will all require further consideration in order to proceed further.

For option 2 a definitive site and proposals are required including land ownership and location status in order to proceed further with a tangible project and application.

9. WEST PROJECT AND BEYOND – PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENTS

The next Project Reference Group meeting takes place on Wednesday 26 January 2022. Further updates will be provided thereafter *[for information]*.

10. DROITWICH SPA RAILWAY STATION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Worcestershire County Council have recently made the following press & media release reporting on the Railway Station improvement project which is a collaborative venture involving many organisations. The full SLC Rail Development Progress Update presentation for these works is also now in the public realm and is provided for information *[copies to be available at the meeting for information]*.

Full Steam Ahead for Improvements to Droitwich Spa Train Station

A range of organisations including Worcestershire County Council are working together to improve rail users' experience of Droitwich Spa Train Station.

Organisations including Wychavon District Council, Droitwich Town Council, West Midlands Trains and The Friends of Droitwich Station, along with the County Council, are carrying out a number of improvements at the station and on key routes into the town.

Works include improved pedestrian signage between the station and the town centre, enhancements to the underpass beneath Ombersley Way, improved highway signage, the removal of vegetation from footways and signs, improved cycle parking, clearer pedestrian routes through the station, the installation of an additional rail ticket machine, improved lighting and more attractive planting around the station facilities.

Some of the work has already been completed and the rest of the improvements are set to take place over the next two years.

Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport, Councillor Alan Amos, said: "It is essential that the residents of Droitwich and nearby communities have access to a safe and attractive station whether they are using the train to get to work, go to school, go shopping or meet friends. It's also important to

remember that the station is a gateway to the town for visitors, too, and first impressions are important.

“I am delighted that all of the organisations who have a part to play in improving the rail users’ experience of the station have joined forces to make this happen.”

Further improvements to the station are planned for the future including the provision of additional parking and improved access for pedestrians and cyclists

11. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS- To receive reports on County Council matters *[if appropriate]*

12. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS – To receive reports on District Council matters *[if appropriate]*

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT *[details attached]*

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Creditor Payments to be presented to Council

24 January 2022

Cheques for signature 24 January 2022

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| 12051 | R T Harrison December 2021 Lengthsman duties - £93.60 Work carried out on brickwork at Community Hall - £540.00 | £633.60 |
| 12052 | Bluebells Florist Limited Flowers for 23.06.21 & 23.12.21 - Retirement & leaving gifts | £95.00 |
| 12053 | Collections Trust TIC Purchases | £48.72 |
| 12054 | Churchfields TIC Purchases | £127.50 |

TOTAL

£904.82