

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Council meeting held on 14 December 2021, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R Aldcroft (Mayor), A. Allen, G Chevins, M. Erwin, T. Manton, I. Nellins and M. Whittle.

There was 1 member of the public present and 7 members listening via Teams.

Clerks: Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

The Chair announced the meeting was being recorded and live streamed.

1.C APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received and accepted from Councillor: J. Beckett, T. Beckett, R. Hughes, and M. Smith due to prior arrangements and B. Chapman due to illness.

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

3.C PUBLIC SESSION

The Mayor said there is a resident wishing to speak at the meeting.

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Allen seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To suspend standing orders to let the resident speak.

The resident spoke about the responsibilities of the water companies to provide suitable services for current and new housing and the role of the planning authority in ensuring utilities can be provided before approving planning applications.

She also raised the issue of raw sewage coming up from the drains in Manner Gardens; both Severn Trent Water and the housing association Connexus have both been out, but the issue is still unresolved. She requested support from the Council to rectify the problem.

The Mayor thanked the resident for attending and speaking at the meeting; he will report her concerns to Shropshire Council.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

The resident left thanked the Councillors for letting her speak and left the Chamber.



4.C MINUTES

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Allen seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To adopt the minutes of a Council meeting on 16 September 2021 and an Extraordinary Council meeting on 7 October 2021.

5.C TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced to members he has attended the following events:

Date	Event
28 June 2021	Photo with Market Drayton Cubs
5 July 2021	NHS Day at Market Drayton Medical Practice
30 August 2021	Pirate Themed Fete at the Stags Head
5 September 2021	Welcome Service at the Methodist Church
7 September 2021	RAF Shawbury Annual Fly Past
21 September 2021	In Bloom Garden Competition
10 October 2021	Mayor of Wem Civic Service
14 October 2021	Charity walk in the Town Park
23 October 2021	Trafalgar Night Dinner The Royal Navy Association
24 October 2021	Ellesmere Civic Service
29 October 2021	Go Green Festival at Shrewsbury
30 October 2021	Artsfest Presentation at The Grove School
10 November 2021	Litter Pick with McDonalds Restaurant
11 November 2021	Remembrance Day
20 November 2021	Festival of Lights Switch On Event

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending the following events: some alongside him and those he was unable to attend:

Date	Event
19 September 2021	Civic Event Mayor of Oswestry
25 September 2021	Ginger and Spice Festival
10 October 2021	Memorial and Thanksgiving Service at Shrewsbury Abbey
14 November 2021	Remembrance Sunday
20 November 2021	Festival of Lights Switch On Event
15 December 2021	Charity Greek Night in Ludlow

6.C COMMITTEE MINUTES**Planning Committee**

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the minutes of the Planning Committee held on:

9 September 2021

23 September 2021

7 October 2021

WJW

21 October 2021
2 December 2021

4 November 2021

18 November 2021

Community and Governance Committee

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Chevins seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee held on:
9 September 2021 21 October 2021 2 December 2021

Services and Facilities Committee

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Allen seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the minutes of the Services and Facilities Committee held on:
23 September 2021 4 November 2021 Extraordinary 2 December 2021

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Chevins seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on:
7 October 2021 18 November 2021 Extraordinary 2 December 2021

7.C CEMETERY CONSULTATION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2016 AS APPLIED TO GROUNDWATER ACTIVITIES AND RELATED SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE ACTIVITIES

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk said there is a consultation regarding the regulations to groundwater activities and related surface water discharge activities within cemeteries. She has been advised by SALC and NALC that Town Councils should respond with their comments.

The main area it will affect Town Council is the recommended burial plot increases from 2.97m² to 5m²: at present there is approximately eighteen years burial provision remaining within the cemetery, if this change is enforced it would be reduced to approximately ten years. Also, the consultation documentation does not provide any guidance or clarification on whether double graves will be allowed; this would have a significant impact on the people who have already purchased a double grave or have pre-purchased a grave space.

All members were united that more detailed clarification is needed for Council to submit comments on the consultation.

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Allen seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

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To get full clarification and guidance of the cemetery consultation on amendments to the environmental permitting regulations 2016.

8.C HONORARY TOWNSPEOPLE AWARDS

The Clerk said due to the new Covid 19 pandemic rules the award ceremony should be postponed until next year to ensure everyone is kept safe.

Members agreed with the Clerks comments.

Councillor Allen proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To postpone holding the Honorary Townsperson Awards Ceremony after the full Council meeting on 21 April 2022.

9.C INTERIM AUDIT 2021/22

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman said the internal audit was completed in October and asked if members had any comments they would like to make.

Councillor Manton said the Audit shows all procedures and standards are all in place and thanked the Council staff And Assistant Clerk for their incredible hard work.

There were no more comments made.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree and approve the Internal Audit Report 2021-22 Interim.

10.C SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Mayor asked if members would like to ask any questions.

There were no questions asked.

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the payments from 1 September 2021 to 30 November 2021.

11.C PLANNING APPLICATION

The Mayor said due to only one planning application received; it was best to include it on this agenda; he asked for members thoughts:

Reference: 21/05461/FUL (validated: 22/11/2021)

Address: Telecommunications Mast, Maer Lane, Market Drayton,
Shropshire

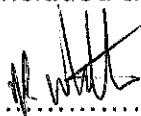
Proposal: Removal of 1No. existing 15m monopole to be replaced with 1No.
new 18m monopole accommodating new antennas with wrap-
around cabinet, installation of 2No. new cabinets and associated
ancillary works thereto

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Allen seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To support this planning application as the design, appearance and materials
used are in line with the appropriate specifications required.**

The meeting concluded at 8.06 pm.

Chairman:



Date:

