

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE OLD CONVENT, 8 BROAD STREET, OTTERY ST MARY

PRESENT Mayor

Councillor Bartlett (North Ward)

Councillors

Dobson, Edwards, Holmes, Giles, Pang Carter and Faithfull (Town Ward)
Gori (Deputy Mayor) (North Ward)
Pratt and Harding (Tipton St John Ward)
Together with the Clerk

Other Persons Present

DCC Cllr Claire Wright,
Jo Elliott (Teacher) and Ollie a Year 13 student from the King`s School
One member of the Press and four members of the Public

Jo Elliott and Ollie from the King`s School spoke about the School`s mental health initiative and the support that was provided to students of the school. Ollie was the School`s mental health ambassador. A Q and A session followed. The School was keen to forge a stronger link with the Council and the possibility of members of the School`s Student Council attending Council meetings to provide updates was suggested. The Council thanked Jo and Ollie for their excellent presentation

PRAYER

The Clerk read the Council Prayer

18/11/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

18/11/02

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Pang declared an interest in Item 9 (Ottery Hospital) as she was the Chair of the Ottery Health and Care Forum and also in Item 14 (Ottery and District Skate and BMX Trust) as she was a trustee of the Trust. Cllr Giles declared an interest in Item 14 (Old Town Hall) as he was a trustee of the Heritage Society and advised that he would leave the room whilst this item was being discussed. Cllr Faithfull declared an interest later in the meeting in Item 9 (Ottery Hospital) as he was a member of the Ottery St Mary Hospital League of Friends

18/11/03

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

It was agreed that part of Item 16 (a proposed footpath to Otter Nurseries) be discussed in Confidential Session due to the commercial sensitivity of the item

18/11/04

TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

David Boyle thanked the Council for the grant monies awarded to the Tipton St John (TSJ) Playing Field Association for which the Association was most grateful. He then made a request to the Council to set aside the decision last month, at which it was agreed to go out to consultation in the Tipton Times, to gauge whether local residents were in favour (or not) of the Council ceasing to hold one

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Full Council meeting a year in TSJ Village Hall. Mr Boyle gave various reasons as to why the annual meeting should be continued, but primarily because he considered it was in the interests of democracy to do so. Cllr Harding responded to the various points Mr Boyle had made at the meeting. After further consideration it was agreed that the matter would be dealt with, in the manner as agreed at the October Full Council Meeting and that Cllrs Harding and Pratt would work together regarding an article/survey to go into the Tipton Times to gauge opinion and then report back to the Council as to the responses received from residents. The new Council in May 2019 would then make a decision as to whether to continue to hold an annual meeting in TSJ.

18/11/05

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 1ST OCTOBER 2018 (MINUTE REFS 18/10/01 – 18/10/31), AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE MAYOR AS A CORRECT RECORD

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 1st October 2018 (MINUTE REFS 18/10/01 – 18/10/31) were presented, approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

18/11/06

TO APPROVE THE SIGNING BY THE MAYOR OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8TH OCTOBER 2018 (MINUTE REFS P18/10/01 – P18/10/07) (MINUTES HAVING ALREADY BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE) , AND TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 29TH OCTOBER 2018 AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE MAYOR AS A CORRECT RECORD

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 8th October 2018 (minute refs: P/18/10/01- P/18/10/07) (having already been confirmed by the Planning Committee) were approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record and the Minutes of the Meeting of 29th October 2016 (minute refs: P/18/10/08 – P/18/10/15) were presented, approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

18/11/07

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EDDC AND DCC COUNCILLORS

DCC Cllr Claire Wright

Cllr Wright reported that last night's Tar Barrels event had been a resounding success and it was an absolutely fantastic event to witness. The amount of litter at the end of the night had been substantially reduced by the introduction of the reusable drinking cups.

The road in the square was supposed to have been re-opened today but this had been delayed due to issues with the scaffolding. She was seeking clarification from DCC Highways Officer Mike Brown as to when the road would now re-open. The Mayor advised that on speaking to a business proprietor, it was likely that this would be in a week's time. It was agreed that Cllr Wright could join in the debate regarding Item 9 on the agenda (the Hospital). Cllr Wright was of the opinion that there was no necessity for a Community Interest Company to be set up at this stage with regards to the hospital

EDDC Cllr Paul Carter

Cllr Carter congratulated the Carnival Committee on the success of the Tar Barrels event and the reusable cups initiative. He thought the current works to the former factory and the site in general had considerably improved the appearance of that part of the town. He also mentioned that a survey had been carried out for Queens Drive, Exmouth (space for the temporary uses) which he considered was a big positive for the Exmouth community and made reference to the Exeter relief road that was going through Axminster

EDDC Cllr Roger Giles

Cllr Giles was pleased to note that Ottery was continuing to lead the way with recycling and the use of the reusable beakers was a first for the Carnival Committee and had been a total success. He advised that although EDDC's proposal last year at introducing a charge for street clean-up operations following an event such as Tar Barrels, had not been introduced, the Council needed to be aware that this could not be ruled out in the future. He also mentioned the high risk strategy that EDDC had adopted regarding Queens Drive Exmouth. EDDC would be creating a new road and car park subject to obtaining the consent of Grenadier Estates. However EDDC had not obtained the required agreement of Grenadier and despite this, was still going ahead with the work, which potentially could leave EDDC open to a huge financial risk. He had attended the Development Management Committee on 30th October together with Cllr Faithfull to speak on specific planning

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applications. He raised the issue of the lack of OSM town councillors being present at this meeting. Cllr Holmes responded by stating that as there were sufficient district councillors representing the Council's interests he didn't think it was necessary for additional councillors to be present. However Cllr Giles advised that many more delegated decisions were being taken about planning applications, thus avoiding the opportunity for town and parish councillors to speak, so it was important when the opportunity arose for town and parish councillors to be present

EDDC Cllr Peter Faithfull

Cllr Faithfull commended some of the town's traders who assisted with the litter picking at the Tar Barrels event. Cllr Faithfull also spoke about the suggested clean-up costs charge which EDDC had previously considered. He advised that he had spoken to EDDC's Andrew Hancock last year about the matter and had suggested to him that it should be used as an opportunity to promote the benefits of recycling. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Rob Wickham to thank him for all his hard work in organising a well run and spectacular event and also for him to pass on thanks to the Carnival Committee

Cllr Pratt

Cllr Pratt attended his first EDDC Full Council meeting and had received a warm welcome from all parties. He advised as to the issues he would be involved in which included applications to list properties as Community Assets. He was concerned that EDDC had declined the Council's application for the hospital to become a Community Asset which he considered may be an incorrect decision. He was also looking at the West Hill playing field as a potential community asset

18/11/08

POLICE MATTERS (INCLUDING CRIME FIGURES)

Crime figures had been e-mailed to all councillors and noted. Cllr Giles commented on the increase in figures, month on month which he concluded was extremely worrying

18/11/09

OTTERY HOSPITAL - UPDATE AND TO CONSIDER (AND TO MAKE A DECISION) REGARDING THE SETTING UP OF A COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY AND/OR TO CONSIDER (AND TO MAKE A DECISION) AS TO THE FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO BE NAMED THE OTTERY HOSPITAL WORKING GROUP

The Clerk had e-mailed all councillors, the letter from Cllr Pang regarding consideration be given to the Council becoming a partner of a Community Interest Company. However it was agreed that this request had been superseded by other events and did not require any further consideration by the Council at this stage.

Cllr Pratt advised that a meeting had recently taken place attended by himself, Cllrs Wright, Hall and Pang and Leigh Edwards to discuss the setting up of a working group to progress the retention of the hospital. Cllr Pratt advised that the RD & E had a six year lease from NHS Property Services of the hospital for which they paid rental and other outgoings which totalled approx £200,000 per year. Less than 40% of the hospital was occupied and there was now only 21 staff on site. He considered that the Government now appeared to be listening to the pleas of the community for the hospital to remain. Cllr Pratt suggested that it may be possible for some services to be returned to the hospital based on need. He advised that the legalities and finances of the hospital were complex. Cllr Pratt therefore proposed that a working group be set up comprising of councillors in the area, doctors and representatives of the Ottery League of Friends, and representatives of other suitable organisations, together with persons who were suitably qualified to engage in serious negotiations with the NHS. Cllr Edwards was of the view that Cllr Pang had worked tirelessly on behalf of the Health and Care Forum (the Forum) and her efforts had yielded the result of Matt Hancock the Secretary of State for Health recently attending a meeting at the hospital to consider its future, which she considered was an excellent achievement. Cllr Edwards questioned the aims of the proposed Working Group. The Deputy Mayor was of the view that a working group would simply result in there being a duplication of the work of the Forum which already had Council representation. The Deputy Mayor also stated that there needed to be more information regarding the setting up of the proposed working group before she was able to make a decision about it. It was understood that Cllr Pang had experienced difficulties in trying to engage key stakeholders.

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Cllr Wright expressed dismay, at what she perceived was the negativity of many councillors in the room, maintaining that the aim of the working group was to save the hospital and couldn't understand why the Council would not support this.

There was further debate resulting in Cllr Wright advising the Council that if Ottery Hospital was sold off to developers in the future, that each and every town councillor who voted against the proposal would need to examine their consciences. She then walked out of the meeting in disgust

It was subsequently proposed by Cllr Pratt and seconded by Cllr Giles to set up a working group. Cllr Giles then proposed a recorded vote. A vote was taken resulting in 4 opposed and 3 in favour of there being a recorded vote. The motion was lost. The first motion was then tabled (for the formation of a working group) the result was 3 in favour, 0 opposed and 6 abstentions (Cllr Pang and the Chairman did not vote or abstain). The motion was carried. Thus it was **RESOLVED** to set up a Working Group. It was requested that the minutes made clear that the reasons for abstentions was that these councillors did not have sufficient information to make an informed decision as to the setting up of a working group and therefore were unable to vote

18/11/10

UPDATES/REPORTS BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR FROM VARIOUS STEERING GROUPS

The Deputy Mayor had provided an update on the Late Night Christmas shopping event which had been e-mailed to all councillors. She hoped as many councillors as possible would attend

18/11/11

OSM REGENERATION PROJECT WORKING GROUP – UPDATE/REPORT BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor has provided an update on the work of the Regeneration Project Working Group which had been e-mailed to all councillors. The Council had previously authorised the Deputy Mayor to organise a meeting with representatives from EDDC and DCC to discuss the various issues outlined in the documentarian the Group had produced

18/11/12

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER – CONSIDERATION OF THE NOTES OF A MEETING DATED 15TH OCTOBER 2018

Councillors had been e-mailed notes of the latest meeting and also the supporting information regarding a proposed bid from the Help Scheme for funding in the sum of £13,200 towards the costs of setting up a Dementia Action Alliance. More details would follow shortly. The Mayor advised that organisations could apply for funding of between £400 - £30,000 from the fund with 20% of the costs of their project coming from other sources, such as grant schemes; their own resources or their own fund raising. There was now a bidding process involved in the scheme. The closing date for applications was 16th January 2019. The Help Scheme could make an application for funding in its own name as long as it had the written support of a town/parish council. The Council would wait to hear further updates from the group. Its next meeting was taking place on 12th November.

18/11/13

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL AND WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL AND THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING GROUP TO DELIVER PROJECTS UNDER THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE N H PLAN WORKING GROUP FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR DOBSON

Reports from both West Hill Parish Council ('WH') and the Council had been e-mailed to all councillors for information. Cllr Talbot of WH had advised that she would remain Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group ('NHPWG'), which was the umbrella group until May 2019. Cllr Dobson had recently resigned from the NHPWG and it was agreed that Cllr Giles would replace him. Cllr Talbot had advised that it must be noted that the policies were the key items that the NHPWG would be looking at. She had also stated that it was not necessary to keep having meetings as it was agreed at a previous Council meeting that meetings should be bi-annually to discuss policies etc. Projects would be the responsibility and business of each council independently of the other and working groups would be required to be set up to deliver each project under the NH Plan.

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After some discussion it was agreed that working groups would be set up for each specific project as and when each project was required to be delivered

18/11/14

STREET LIGHTING THROUGH FENNY BRIDGES – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL BY DCC TO ALTER THE STREET LIGHTING TIMES

DCC had been approached for the lights on the old A38 (the whole stretch along Fenny Bridges) to be made “Part Night” as there had been some disquiet by residents as to the present All Night Lighting. The lights would be off approx. 00:30 to 05:30 GMT. The Council **RESOLVED** to agree to this proposal being implemented by DCC

18/11/15

PROPERTY MATTERS

To consider and to make a decision regarding the rental offer made by the Pétanque Club

Information from the Club had been e-mailed to all councillors regarding the current rental paid by the Pétanque Club in respect of their premises and their reasons for being unable to pay an increased amount. The rental was due to be reviewed in January 2019. It was **RESOLVED** that the Club continue to pay their current rental amount until the end of December 2019 and then the rent would then be reviewed again.

To consider and make a decision regarding the request of the Ottery and District Skate and BMX Trust for the Council to take over the responsibility for the running of the Trust

A copy of Cllr Pang’s letter to the TC had been e-mailed to all councillors, together with a copy of the Clerk’s advice in this matter. It was agreed that at this stage the matter could not be progressed further, until a situation arose, concerning the viability of the Trust

To consider and make a decision regarding the future use of Room 6 of the Council Offices –

The hirer of Office 6 had been using the room on an as and when basis for several months to help with her fledgling business (counselling). However at the moment the hirer didn’t require the use of the room. The Council agreed that it was willing for her to resume her use of the office when she required it again, but priority would have to be given to another party if they required a more permanent/regular use of the room

To consider property issues relating to the Station (inc a proposed lease) and to approve (if agreed) further funding by the Council to discharge a contractor’s costs

It was understood that the Station did not have any surplus funds and was now seeking payment from the Council for an invoice in the sum of £1044.20 for electrical works which had been required to be carried out at the Station. The Council had been unaware of the works until it had been presented with an invoice. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would pay the invoice on this occasion but the Station to be advised that in future, that no one person of the Station could unilaterally sanction any works, without the prior permission of the Council

The safety door at the Station would be fitted by Otter Windows on 8th November

The Council’s insurers had advised that it appeared the Station had a very good risk management in place

The Station currently held the premises under a Tenancy at Will and the Clerk had been anxious that a lease needed to be entered into by the Station trustees otherwise it was likely that they could acquire security of tenure. Heads of Terms were in the process of being drafted which would be considered at the next Property and Land Committee meeting

Update on replacement footbridge over the Leat at the Land of Canaan

EDDC had advised that a bid had been submitted for funding towards the cost of the bridge and the outcome was likely to be confirmed during March 2019

Update on lease to Silver Band re room in the Old Town Hall.

The Council had sent a couple of reminders to Terry Bastyan who had indicated that the preparation of the lease was with a colleague

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Update on the Interpretation Board

Cllr Giles left the room whilst the item was discussed. A recent meeting had taken place attended by the Clerk, Robert Neal, Cllrs Dobson, Holmes and the Deputy Mayor. It had been agreed at the meeting, that amendments were required to the information contained in the Interpretation Board. Mr Neal had been provided with a Word document template to which he could make amendments and then submit the same to the Council for consideration. Mr Neal had indicated that there should be no cost implications to the Council

To consider and to make a decision regarding a request for a proposed cycle rack outside of the library

Councillors had been e-mailed this request from Caroline Packer of the Silver Otter, requesting a cycle rack be installed outside of the library. The initial view was that there was insufficient room outside of the library, for this purpose. After further discussion, the Council agreed that the Clerk write to Caroline to confirm that the Council would take on board her request and would consider a suitable location as to where to site the rack. Cllrs Dobson and Holmes would speak to Caroline about the matter shortly

Update on Licence for cleaning cupboard with EDDC –

The licence had now been completed with EDDC and the Clerk had invoiced EDDC for the licence fee

To consider the requirements of the Council's insurers re tree management

The Council's insurers had advised, that the Council should have a risk based, planned and managed approach to the risks that trees on its land brought in the light of the recent Court of Appeal decision in the case of Cavanagh v Witley Parish Council. The Clerk would seek advice from EDDC about this matter

18/11/16

REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND TO AGREE AMENDMENTS (IF ANY) THERETO

- **COMPLAINTS**
- **MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND**
- **RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

The documents with proposed revisions had been e-mailed to all councillors. The Council resolved to accept the amendments in all the documents. Cllr Faithfull mentioned a provision of having the recorded Council meetings placed on the Council's website. However Cllr Holmes advised that the present website did not support the size of the recordings and if members of the public required to listen to recordings they would have to be accessed via One Drive. A new website was being considered and consideration could also be given to recordings being placed on it

18/11/17

FOOTPATHS

TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FOOTPATH TO OTTER NURSERIES AND TO CONSIDER GOING OUT TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH REGARDS TO THE COUNCIL PROVIDING FUNDING TOWARDS THE LAND PURCHASE COSTS AND AN UPDATE ON FOOTPATH MATTERS GENERALLY

The Otter Nurseries footpath would be discussed in Confidential Session

The Clerk advised that currently the Council held approx. £1500 of Parish Paths Funds which were available for any works required to the Council's public paths. The Clerk would need to provide DCC with funding expenditure for this financial year and was therefore reminding the Council that if any expenditure on the paths was required it should be carried out as soon as possible. To date there was no Parish Paths Co-ordinator in post although Ros Davies at DCC was trying to resolve this issue. The Clerk had also advertised the voluntary position in the Gazette from time to time. Ros had advised that in the interim, any footpath issues needed to be reported to DCC directly

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18/11/18

OTTERY IN BLOOM – TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF KEITH SPITTLEHOUSE, SECRETARY/TREASURER AND TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORGANISATION

A letter had been e-mailed to all councillors from Keith Spittlehouse advising that he would be stepping down from his role as Secretary/Treasurer role for Ottery in Bloom later in 2019. He had advised of various issues which, if not addressed, may result, in the organisation seeking increased grant aid in future years. The information was noted by the Council

18/11/19

UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

A meeting had taken place of the Steering Group and it had been agreed that Liz Graveney would update the website site plan in accordance with the requirements of the Steering Group. In addition she would put a general brief together for the Steering Group to agree and then to submit the same to website designers for costings

18/11/20

FINANCIAL MATTERS - TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2018 COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The October 2018 Council Schedule was presented by the Mayor, showing £31,246.44 (incl. VAT) for Council expenditure. It was **RESOLVED** that the schedule be approved and it was duly signed by the Mayor.

18/11/21

ANY MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR

A reply had been received from Andrew Ennis at EDDC regarding the Council's request for free parking in the town following the fire. He was willing to talk to Councillors if necessary. Mr Ennis advised that £1.50 all day parking was available at Canaan Way Car Park which was the lowest tariff in the district. He advised that there would be financial implications for EDDC if it was to offer free parking which it had not budgeted for. He also gave other reasons as to why it was unlikely that EDDC could offer free parking. The Council decided in the light of Mr Ennis's comments that it should not to pursue the matter further

The Mayor read out a letter from a parishioner who had made comments about the meeting on 18th October at the Council Offices at which local traders had been invited, to consider the various options and way forward, following the fire in the town. The parishioner commented on the poor attendance of district councillors, the county councillor and some town councillors when compared to five councillors (including the county councillor) who had attended the Business Forum's meeting held the previous night. The parishioner considered that their actions belittled the efforts of their counterparts on the Council and which lead to the meeting being under attended. Cllr Giles was angry that the identity of the writer of the letter was not revealed in view of the allegations which had been made. However the Mayor advised that the guidance he had obtained via the Clerk suggested that as the parishioner was providing feedback from a public meeting it was in order for the letter to be read out.

The Mayor reminded councillors that the Remembrance Day Service would take place at Ottery Parish Church on the 11th November at 10.30am. Councillors were asked to let office staff know if they were attending, in order to reserve seating in the church

18/11/22

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor produced a stunning robe that the Japanese visitors from Otari had presented him with. He also spoke about their visit to the Town Council Offices where they were presented with goody bags prepared by the Council, containing souvenirs of the town. It was understood that the visitors were present at the Tar Barrels event which they enjoyed immensely.

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18/11/23

REPORT BY THE CLERK

The Clerk advised that the Council had now attained a Quality Award. This demonstrated that the Council had achieved good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils went above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and were continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop further. Due to the level of this achievement, a council with a Quality Award could also be eligible to use the general power of competence. There were 189 councils in the UK who had achieved this award. Currently in Devon, only Crediton, Tiverton and Fremington had received the award and the Council was the first in East Devon to receive the accolade. However, the Accreditation Panel had awarded Quality Level with "advised minor improvements" relating to the training of councillors and had requested that councillors consider undertaking more training in their roles. Councillors should also undertake training on financial management for which they were all responsible."

The Clerk was currently progressing a green flag award for the Cemetery, and was having an e-mail exchange with the organisers - 'Keep Britain Tidy'. A mock judging of the site in the first instance may be required. The Clerk would keep the Council updated as to developments

It was noted that over Christmas and New Year the Council Offices would close at lunchtime on Monday 24th December and reopen on Wednesday 2nd January. The Clerk reminded councillors of the Christmas meal and the requirement of confirmation of attendance and receipt of deposits

18/11/24

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION AND ANY LATE CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was tabled

Sender	Details
Marjorie Stockley	Request for 20mph restriction Tip Hill, Request clearance of the Leat, repairs to the Interpretation Board at the Tumbling Weir
EDDC	Details of Licensing applications from Le Bistro, Jill Rose, Marc Perkins and Linda Semmens

18/11/25

TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor`s Meetings Tabled (October)

Date	Meeting details
1 st	Full Council Meeting
5 th	Attended the Grand Opening of the Lamb & Flag
8 th	Planning Committee Meeting
10 th	Interview with Heart Radio
15 th	Interview with ITV
17 th	Attend Funeral of Phyllis Baxter
18 th	Meeting with Local Traders
19 th	Meeting with Travel Agent Interview with Radio Exe
20 th	Attend Anniversary lunch of Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Councillors Meetings (October)

Councillor	Meeting details
Cllr Holmes	LAG Meeting
Cllr Faithfull	Library, Hospital League of friends
Cllr Pratt	Business Forum
Cllr Edwards	Business Forum

18/11/26

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

i.Cllr Edwards enquired as to what was happening to Poppy`s cafe which was closed. She was advised that the door to the premises was secured by screws, as the premises were now empty.

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ii. Cllr Giles suggested that Parish Paths monies in the sum of £1500 be used on drainage works for Footpath 26 (which ran from Alfington Road, Butts Hill to Head Weir). The Clerk would follow this up with DCC.

The Meeting ended at 21.41pm

Mayor's signature: Date:.....

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2018 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE OLD CONVENT, 8 BROAD STREET, OTTERY ST MARY

Confidential session

TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FOOTPATH TO OTTER NURSERIES AND TO CONSIDER GOING OUT TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH REGARDS TO THE COUNCIL PROVIDING FUNDING TOWARDS THE LAND PURCHASE COSTS AND

Cllr Dobson advised that the owner of the ransom strip had previously offered to sell the land which was required urgently for a footpath from Butts Road to Otter Nurseries. However this was for a price which was well in excess of its market value. Cllrs Dobson and Holmes had spoken to the land owner on frequent occasions to try and persuade him to agree a more reasonable price, with no success. It was understood that the personal circumstances of the land owner may have changed and therefore Cllrs Dobson and Holmes would try and seek a further meeting with him to see if he would reconsider the sale price. Another land owner had indicated its willingness to contribute towards the land purchase costs

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