



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 6 February 2017
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington at 19:00.

There was one Police representative present
There was one member of the press present
There were three members of the public present

PRESENT

- Cllr Mrs E Banks (in the Chair)
- Cllr Mr J Atkinson
- Cllr Mr R Banks
- Cllr Mr T Bounds
- Cllr Mr J Dennis
- Cllr Mr M Fitton
- Cllr Mrs C. Forrester
- Cllr Mr F Hawkins
- Cllr Mr W Laurie
- Cllr Mr R MacCurrach
- Cllr Mrs E Rolls
- Cllr Mr B Widdowson
- Cllr Mr I Wood-Johnson

APOLOGY

Cllr Mrs P Prior

Ward Cllr T James

IN ATTENDANCE

Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)

Item The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 19.00 hours. **Actions**

1 **018-17** **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Prior

2 **019-17** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Name of Councillor	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr. Bounds	Item Finance	✓	✓

3 **020-17** **TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED**
The Clerk confirmed that there were no new written dispensations to consider.
Cllr Widdowson has an extant dispensation.

4 **021-17** **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS AS A TRUE RECORD (previously circulated)**

It was proposed by Cllr Widdowson and seconded by Cllr Hawkins, that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 9th January 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 9th January 2017 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5 **022-17** **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

a To receive the Police report

PCSO Bowden reported on the following: That there had been five crimes

1. Criminal damage to a fence
2. Two criminal damage offences to vehicles
3. Two offences of theft

There will be a PACT surgery on 16th February 2017 between 11am and 12noon

b To receive the Ward Councillor's report

The ward member reported that the Budget had been agreed with a 3.9% increase with a 2% earmarked for adult social care

c To receive questions from members of the public

A member of the public asked if there was anything the council could do in relation to the condition of the pavements particularly in Bridge Street. It was noted that there was an increase in dog mess around the town and could the town provide poo bags?

Representation that the Mill Street Car park be free on a Sunday to assist on a Sunday market similar to a car boot sale.

Stephen Grist, chairman of Lady Hawkins' Academy School Governors highlighted the concern of the long-term viability of the sixth form He stated that there was a possibility that there the 6th form would be closed and the students absorbed into the 6th form college at Hereford.

It was pointed out that this was caused by financial issues and a small student take up.

It was agreed to send a letter of support to the school and to assist it in any way possible including meeting with the chairman of the Governors and the Head Master to consider ways to promote the success of the current 6th Form. It was agreed that the Mayor together with the two deputies visit the school to discuss any strategy that could be adopted to avoid Lady Hawkins' School losing the 6th form.

Mayor & 2
Deputies

6 **023-17** **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Engagements attended

Monday 23 January Met with the Local Deputy Lieutenant- Jo Hilditch to discuss Lieutenancy issues.

Wednesday 1 February Attended meeting at Lady Hawkins' school concerning the closure of the Sixth Form

Future Engagements

Applications will be required for the Champions of Herefordshire competition discussed at the Mayors meeting 14 February – banners and posters are out about town

Tuesday 14 February: Mayor’s meeting Hereford to discuss Champions of Herefordshire

Tuesday 7 March – The Mayor’s Charity coffee morning at Ledbury

Notes on Minutes of Meeting on Monday 3 October

247-16 Has the Conservation Area been brought to the attention of the Local Authority?

Notes on Minutes of KTC meeting on Monday 9 January 2017

005-17 Clerk to assist CPSO Alford in obtaining permission to fix a CCTV unit to the Library

This matter was discussed and the clerk was instructed to make further enquires and report back to the next Council meeting

015-17 Library: Neighbourhood Parish meeting on 27 February -any response?

The clerk reported that he had heard from Kington Rural that they were sending a representative.

Other issues

Crooked Well – congratulations to the Wye and Usk Foundation, Richie Cotterill and all the helpers including councillors for the work carried out to the river bank along the Back Brook

Recreation Ground Trust and Users meeting on Monday 13 February –

The Chamber of Trade is holding a Summer Food Fair on Saturday 3 June

EB to find cost of a badge of office for the Deputy Mayor to be taken from the Mayor’s Allowance

Prepare for ‘A Celebration of Kington’ at a Civic Service on either Saturday 1 April or Saturday 22 April

7 024-17 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The clerk’s report, having been circulated with the agenda, was noted: a copy of the report is held within the minute file.

8 025-17 FINANCE

- a To re appoint Iain Selkirk as Internal Auditor for 2016-2017

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr. Rolls and seconded by Cllr. Fitton that Iain Selkirk be reappointed as internal auditor

CLERK

- b To agree invoices for payment, as per schedule of payments (*included*)
2010 Hrs Cllr. Bounds Left the Chamber

payment to	reason for expenditure	Invoice number	Cost	Minute reference	recurring
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Reimbursement / payment to Councillors						
Tom Bounds	Christmas lights	213		120.00		
	Schedule of Payments					
HMR&C	Salary	210		804.35	Full 09/16	✓
WPS	Insurance	211		3769.93	Full 09/16	✓
Viking	Stationery	212		51.53	Full 09/16	✓
Tom Bounds	Christmas lights	213		120.00	Full 09/16	
KBS	Notice board	214		93.09	Full 09/16	✓
Grants to the Recreation Ground						
KFS	Grant to the Rec	215		20.00	Full 09/16	✓
Countrywide	Grant to the Rec	216		171.36	Full 09/16	✓
<u>For information only</u>						
N.Power		217		73.26	Full 09/16	✓
<u>Recreation Ground Trust (for info)</u>						
HMRC	Salary			93.00		✓

2011hrs Cllr. Bounds returned to the chamber

The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices

9 026-17 UPDATE ON THE CLOSURE OF THE HSBC BANK

Copies of correspondence had been previously circulated. It was highlighted that no Impact Assessment had been produced. It was reported that Mr. M. Fearn will send the report when it has been prepared.

RESOLVED

That Richard Phillips, Director of HSBC Hereford, to be contacted to establish when this report would be available.

CLERK

10 027-17 TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL

It was reported that the plan had been sent for costings when they were available this matter would be brought back to Council

11 028-17 TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

The vacancy was discussed and it that the vacancy should be advertised.

RESOLVED

It was resolved that: the vacancy should be advertised.

CLERK

12 029-17 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017/18

The Mayor reported that she met with the chamber of trade to discuss next year's provision of the Christmas lights. It was suggested that Bromyard Town Council be approached for advice. It was also reported that Balfour Beatty installed the lights in Hereford.

RESOLVED

It was resolved that: Bromyard Town Council be approached for advice and Hereford City contacted to enquire as to the cost that Balfour Beatty charged

CLERK

13 030-17 UPDATE ON THE CHURCHYARD WALL REPAIRS

It was reported that McCartneys had sent out the specifications for the work to be undertaken on the Churchyard Wall. This was discussed and it was suggested that a Task and Finish group be set up to examine the specification and any quotes received.

RESOLVED

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Banks and seconded by Cllr. Atkinson that the Task and Finish group consist of Cllr. Mrs Banks, Cllr. Laurie and Cllr. Fitton and Cllr. Dennis

14 031-17 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS (minutes circulated previously)

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15 032-17 TO NOTE ANY MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Widdowson reported that he had attended the Market Towns forum, there was only one item for discussion that being the CAB (*Citizen Advice Bureaux*), it was reported that nothing further has been developed.

16 033-17 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

A request from Cllr. Widdowson that any delays that Councillors are aware of at the Surgery he be informed.

Cllr. Wood-Johnson requested that the clerk contact Stoneware Board School Lane in relation to the collapsed wall.

The clerk

17 034-17 TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Dog Fouling

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Signed.....Mayor. Date