

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: Wednesday 23rd March at 2.30pm

Present Councillors: Cllrs de Vries, Freeman, Frost, Gadd, Hawke-Smith, Light, Porch (Chair) and Roberts

Officers: Lisa Courtney (Town Clerk) and Georgia Arnold (Committee Clerk and Office Administrator)

Public: None present

FC 032-22	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Asker, Coote, Eke, Fairhurst, Gregory, McLellan, Millward and Toy.</p>
FC 033-22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs de Vries, Freeman and Light declared generic non-pecuniary interests as District Councillors for Uttlesford District Council (UDC).</p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as County Councillor for Essex County Council.</p>
FC 034-22	<p>Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Mayor introduced the item explaining that additional comments have been received from the external examiner in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Committee Clerk explained that the external examiners note raised queries with SWTC Officers and these have since been addressed and collated into the one report attached to the agenda, which was noted by Council. The report notes that after seeking advice from UDC that continuing with the Plan with the proposed deletions and modifications we should still be left with a sound and viable Plan to reach referendum.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that the situation is frustrating, particularly as an external pre-examination report was also carried out prior to submission and none of these issues were raised; Cllrs were also in agreement that a Plan is better than nothing at all.</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved by Council to continue with the Plan, with the proposed modifications and deletions that have been suggested by the examiner.</p>
FC 035-22	<p>Urgent Items - No matters raised.</p>
FC 036-22	<p>Date and time of Next meeting(s) - The Mayor reminded all that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm.</p>

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.45pm