

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: Cllrs Asker, Coote, de Vries (Mayor), Eke, Hawke-Smith, McLellan, Roberts and Toy.

Officers: Georgia Arnold (Committee Clerk & Office Administrator)

Public: None present

FC 143-22	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fairhurst, Freeman, Frost, Gadd, Gregory, Light, Milward and Porch.</p>
FC 144-22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs Asker, Coote, de Vries, Eke declared generic non-pecuniary interests as District Councillors for Uttlesford District Council (UDC).</p>
FC 145-22	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>There were no questions arising.</p>
FC 146-22	<p>Essex County Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Gadd provided a written report which was noted by Council. Cllrs raised concern with the limited working street lighting, particularly in the Market Square, King Street and the junction from Church Street to Common Hill. The Committee Clerk would report these issues to Highways and liaise with Cllr Gadd to chase up remedial works were possible .</p>
FC 147-22	<p>Mayor's Communications</p> <p>The Mayor noted September was particularly busy with a visit to Saffron Walden's Twin Town, Bad Wildungen in Germany. The Mayor noted his thanks to the Tourist Information Duty Manager for organising the trip and further thanks to the Bad Wildungen Mayor for their kind hospitality.</p>
FC 148-22	<p>To verify the Minutes of the Town Council meetings</p> <p>Cllr Toy requested an amendment to the 26.09.2022 Full Council minutes to specifically note the Nolan Principles are a separate document to the Code of Conduct. This would be amended and otherwise the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meetings.</p>

Signed as a true and accurate record

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FC 149-22	<p>To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meetings</p> <p>Council received and noted the minutes from the following Committee meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Transport 27.09.2022 • Finance and Establishment 29.09.2022 • Assets and Services 26.09.2022 •
FC 150-22	<p>Policies</p> <p>The following policies were re-adopted with no amendments, as recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vexatious Policy – review date October 2025 - Climate Change Policy – review date October 2023 - Mayoral Selection Policy – review date October 2025 - Environmental Policy – review date October 2023 - Market Licensing – review date October 2023
FC 151-22	<p>Uttlesford District Council – Council Tax Consultation</p> <p>Council noted UDC’s current consultation asking for feedback on future council tax spending. It was unanimously agreed for the Mayor, Leader and Committee Clerk to prepare a response on behalf of SWTC.</p>
FC 152-22	<p>Reports from other Meetings</p> <p>No meetings reported.</p>
FC 153-22	<p>Additional Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>No meetings reported.</p>
FC 154-22	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>Cllrs discussed issues with underage drinking around Saffron Walden. It was discussed how and whether CCTV should be passed on to the police and whether it would be used. Cllr Toy noted that he has liaised with the police in the past who unfortunately do not patrol the areas or look at the CCTV unless it is requested.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that there is not an area for young people to go during evenings and perhaps more work could be done with the Youth Initiatives group. The Committee Clerk noted that this is an ongoing project being carried out by the events and activities officer, who has conducted a survey asking what young people want in the town. The results will be presented to a future assets and services committee meeting and shared with the Youth Initiatives group to see what future projects could be carried out in a collaborative manner.</p>

	Cllrs noted Remembrance Day parade will take place on Sunday 13 th November and officers have sent details via email.
FC 155-22	<p>Date and time of Next meeting(s)</p> <p>The Mayor reminded all that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th November.</p>

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8pm