

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden

Present Councillors: Cllrs Ahmed, Coote, Curtis, de Vries, Frost, Freeman, Gadd, Hawke-Smith, McBirnie, McLellan, Meloy and Reeve.

Officers: Lisa Courtney (Town Clerk)

Public: None present

FC 097-23	In the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Council, Council agreed Cllr Coote would chair this meeting.
FC 098-23	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Abercrombie, Asker, Eke, Jones, Porch and Shotropa.
FC 099-23	Declarations of Interest Cllrs Coote, Freeman, McBirnie, Melon and Reeve declared generic non-pecuniary interests as District Councillors for Uttlesford District Council (UDC). Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as County Councillor for Essex County Council. Cllr Meloy declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Friends of Saffron Walden Church in relation to Min Ref FC107-23 (clock)
FC 100-23	Public Speaking Time There were no questions arising.
FC 101-23	Essex County Councillor Update Council noted Cllr Gadd's written report attached to the agenda, Cllr Gadd also noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As County Councillor, Cllr Gadd can present ECC with a list of most urgent potholes. All Councillors were therefore encouraged to review their wards and to advise accordingly of any particular potholes which should be prioritised. This information to be sent to SWTC Deputy Clerk in the first instance for collation.• ECC is aiming all for all new properties which they build to be built net-zero. Cllr Gadd further noted that Local Planning Authorities can incorporate net-zero policies/standards (higher than those stated in the NPPF). He agreed to forward a copy of ECC's net-zero building policy to SWTC for info.

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FC 102-23	<p>Mayor's Communications</p> <p>In the absence of the Mayor no update was provided.</p>
FC 103-23	<p>To verify the Minutes of the Town Council meetings</p> <p>The 12.06.2023 Full Council minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair.</p>
FC 104-23	<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 08.06.2023 • Planning and Transport 22.06.2023 • Finance and Establishment 19.06.2023 • Assets and Services 26.06.2023
FC 105-23	<p>Business in Development (BID) Referendum Result</p> <p>It was Resolved:</p> <p>(a) To note the favourable outcome of the BID referendum</p> <p>(b) To request further details from the BID regarding the results, including an analysis of votes and particularly how the BID will address the fact that many eligible voters abstained. These questions to be posed to the BID for further presentation to the September Full Council meeting.</p>
FC 106-23	<p>Essex County Council (ECC) border review consultation</p> <p>Council noted ECC is consulting on its existing borders and divisions with a two-phase consultation. It was Resolved:</p> <p>To respond to the consultation with suggestions 2 and 3 listed in the written report attached to the agenda, extracted below for information:</p> <p><i>"2- To extend the Saffron Walden border to encompass the Rosconn site, in line with the parish border review.</i></p> <p><i>3- Request an additional county councillor is created and the existing Uttlesford divisions are re-organised to make them more equal in their representation."</i></p>
FC 107-23	<p>St Mary's Clock – Virement of Monies</p> <p>Council noted Assets and Services Committee resolved to fix the currently broken church clock chime, which is owned by SWTC.</p> <p>Council discussed whether the clock could be insured or replaced, and it was noted there are complexities around insuring an asset located in a third-party building.</p>

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	<p>It was Resolved:</p> <p>(a) To carry out repair works and to vire monies from the Action Plan Initiatives budget for a total sum of £3070 plus VAT.</p> <p>(b) To look further into the Town Council's insurance liability.</p>
FC 108-23	<p>Local Council Tax Support scheme 2024/25</p> <p>It was Resolved:</p> <p>To note the consultation with no specific response.</p>
FC 109-23	<p>Reports from other Meetings</p> <p>Cllr McLellan advised he had attended the Uttlesford Community Transport AGM. The organisation is back to pre-covid operational levels.</p>
FC 110-23	<p>Additional Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>The following meetings were noted:</p> <p>(a) Twin Town, Bad Wildungen visit is taking place 10th- 13th August.</p> <p>(b) Police Engagement Day Tuesday 1st August 10am-2pm Town Hall Court Room, with Detective Superintendent Scott Egerton and Chief Inspector Martin Richards. Cllrs Freeman, de Vries, Reeve and Curtis agreed to attend. Issues for discussion include speeding, pavement parking, drugs/county lines. Members were encouraged to forward any further items for discussion to the Town Clerk.</p>
FC 111-23	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>No matters raised.</p>
FC 112-23	<p>Date and time of Next meeting(s)</p> <p>The Chair reminded all that the next meeting is scheduled for 11 September 2023 (with no August meeting).</p>

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.25pm