

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL  
HELD ONLINE TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Councillors:

R F W Brame, M Brindle, C R P Burnett, B J Canham,  
D M Crawford, C Harvey, D J Hodgkinson, J Hollis,  
J James, T J Jermy, S N H Wright.

Officers in attendance:

Alan Yorke Deputy Town Clerk, Chris Crimmen Committee Secretary

MINUTES

980/20	<u>DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u> None.
981/20	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Councillors C Barreto and M S Robinson.
982/20	<u>MINUTES</u>  <b>RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021, excepting those items dealt with following the exclusion of press and public, be addressed under agenda number 988/20, to be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialed by the Committee Chairman.</b>
983/20	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> To receive the following: <u>A) Personnel Committee (minutes 898/20 - 904/20) 06/04/2021</u>  <b>RESOLVED: The Personnel Committee minutes were adopted as presented</b>  <u>B) ALP Committee (minutes 907/20 - 925/20) 07/04/2021</u>  RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council agree to the minimal match funding of £10,000. The Countryside Officer and Finance Officer were asked to meet and recommend the most appropriate funding source. The identification of the funding source should also include the transfer of ownership to Thetford Town Council together with the ongoing maintenance costs that would need to be funded.  <b>RESOLVED: The ALP Committee recommendation and minutes were adopted as presented.</b>  <u>C) Civic Committee (minutes 926/20 - 937/20) 08/04/2021</u>  RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council award Ann Attfield and Paul Welham an Honoured Citizen Award for 2021.

	<p><b>RESOLVED: The Civic Committee recommendation and minutes were adopted as presented.</b></p> <p><u>D) Planning Committee (938/20 - 947/20) 13/04/2021</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED: The Planning Committee minutes were adopted as presented.</b></p> <p><u>E) VEM Committee (minutes 938/20 - 947/20) 14/04/2021</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council adopt the Venues &amp; Communication Committee Terms of Reference.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: The VEM Committee recommendation and minutes were adopted as presented.</b></p> <p><u>F) Cemetery Committee (minutes 959/20 - 966/20) 15/04/2021</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council repair the lighting at the Cemetery Chapel at a cost of £295 from the Thetford Town Council Health and Safety Budget.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: The Cemetery Committee recommendation and minutes were adopted as presented.</b></p> <p><u>G) Allotment Committee (minutes 15/04/2021</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED: The Allotment Committee minutes were adopted as presented</b></p>
984/20	<p><u>MAYOR'S REMARKS AND REPORT</u></p> <p>The Deputy Mayor reported that the Mayor had sent his apologies for this meeting as he is walking along the Peddars Way for charity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> April - Zoom meeting with Year 4's from Drake Primary School for their Values and Respect Day</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> April - Service of Commemoration for HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at St Cuthbert's Church.</li> </ul>
985/20	<p><u>TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES</u></p> <p>Councillor J James reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Greater Thetford Partnership next meeting is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• The Safer Thetford Action Group Quarterly Open meeting was held via Teams Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. There were a few members of the public in attendance. The Police provided a report on crime statistics and shared the result of a focused action day where 3 police forces combined their efforts to target Anti-social behaviour with off-road vehicles. This came as a response to a direct request by a resident and demonstrates the police do listen and are able to act where possible. In the public questions section of the meeting concerns were raised relating to covid and lifebelts. Feedback was provided from an Online Poll where respondents were asked for their opinion on policing priorities.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thetford Music Project will be holding a slightly delayed '20<sup>th</sup> year' summer celebration at the Carnegie on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Councillor J James urged fellow councillors to support this event where possible. Lesson costs have been reduced to keep them affordable and online teaching also limits numbers. This has had a considerable impact on their reserves and hoped Councillors will be able to support them in their future fundraising event.</li> </ul>
986/20	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>Councillor C Harvey reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breckland District Council issues with SIRCO with emptying bins and street cleaning. Other Councillors backed this complaint and asked for action from councillors at the Breckland Council monthly meeting this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor J James reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breckland launched their "Inspiring Communities" fund on the 6<sup>th</sup> April which offers grants worth up to £5,000. Last year the council released over £91,000 in grant funding to support a wide range of schemes.</li> <li>• There are a number of schemes designed to support businesses, especially those reopening as permitted through the roadmap and details of these are regularly included in the briefings that are circulated by the Town Clerk from the Leader of Breckland Council.</li> <li>• The planters on the riverside walk are being refurbished.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor T Jermy reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The benches in town are all being repainted heritage black to match with the other street furniture.</li> <li>• He spoke about the issues with SIRCO when he reported the grass cutting on the Abbey Estate had been carried out without any litter picking done before the grass was cut. This left shredded paper, cans and even dead birds littering the whole area. He raised this with Breckland Council who are starting to see litter as a significant issue and are seeking a long-term solution to all the complaints received.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor S Wright said he admired the Heritage Lamps along the riverside and asked if these were being extended to Nuns Bridges. Councillor J James reported that the lighting is going over to Button Island and will find out if it can be extended back towards Nuns Bridges.</p>
987/20	<p><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u></p> <p>None.</p>
988/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE</u></p> <p>None.</p>
989/20	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>To consider resolving that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for any remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</p>
990/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p> <p>Councillors received and adopted minutes recorded below the line.</p>
991/20	<p><u>SALE OF LAND</u></p>

	The Deputy Town Clerk reported the paper he had prepared was no longer valid and this matter will be deferred to the May Full Council meeting.
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Chairman.