

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on 7th August 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown
Cllr E Franklin
Cllr D Garwood (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr J Lynch
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Cllr J Parker
Cllr S Plummer
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr D Taylor
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)
Ms L Booth (Communications Manager)
Ms S Shearing (Tourism & Events Officer)

Apologies

Cllr A Kay (Chairman) and Cllr Lomax.

Members of the Public – Cllr Sarah Gibson Unitary Councillor, Joyce Shaw, Glenys Lunt, John Potter, John Baker from Wiltshire Times Fiona Baker, Chris Hogg and 1 other.

The Chairman announced the passing of Ex Unitary, West Wilts District and Town Councillor Rosemary Brown and said that she would be sadly missed and a period of silence was observed. Cllr Laurie Brown said that Rosemary had been a Town Councillor for 18 years and she was involved with transferring the Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Trust to the town. Although it took 5 years she Chaired the last meeting and lived to see it being transferred back to the town. He said she would be remembered for many years to come. Cllr Lynch said that Rosemary was an immense enthusiast and he had succeeded her as a Unitary Councillor. They shared an Irish background and had a similar outlook. She was such a diligent worker for individual residents' problems.

46. Declarations of interest – Cllr Plummer made his usual declaration of interest.

47. Minutes

After a small amendment was made It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd July 2018 be signed as a true record.

48. Matters arising - none

Cllr Plummer requested to see the presentations on the Great West Way. Clerk to send.

49. Chairman's Report

Chairman reported that he had attended no civic functions last month.

He said that the Bike Festival was a good event but he thought that more communication was needed for the road closure. Cllr Brown complained that the Bike Festival did not recognise the Town Council as a sponsor in their social media and publicity and banners etc, which was a condition of the grant. He hoped that this could be improved at a future event.

On the subject of doctors appoints he would be attending with Cllr Parker a Health and Well Being meeting. Cllr Parker advised that a press statement was available in the doctors' surgery.

He said that P.C. Charly Chilton – Community Coordinator August 2018 Police Report had arrived and had been forwarded to Councillors. In future the Police will be invited to the Town Development Committee. He was pleased to note that Op. Albatross will be operating during the summer months to try and sort out adult street drinkers, which we have in Westbury Gardens at the moment.

50. Minutes of the committees

(a) The minutes of the committees for Environment & Planning Committee on the 27th June 2018, 17th July and 1st August 2018 were noted.

(b) The minutes of the Resources Committee on the 10th July 2018 were noted.

(c) The minutes of the meeting for Community and Recreation Committee held on the 24th July 2018 were noted. Cllr Brown disagreed with Minute 59 St. Aldhelm's play area closed by Wiltshire Council as the surface need patching and repair – He noted that the Leader of the Council had sent a letter to Alan Ritchell, Interim Housing Director & Commercial Development at Wiltshire. He also noted that local residents were getting a petition together. An exchange of views followed.

He said that the Town Council had already saved the Youth and Community Centre from closure as well as the public toilets and Westbury Gardens.

He proposed that Bradford South children should:-

(i) have their play area repaired tomorrow at the cost quoted and this to funded jointly with Wiltshire Council's Area Board and

(ii) that we should take over the play area from Wiltshire Council and

(iii) exchange correspondence.

Cllr Roberts seconded this and with 8 in favour and 1 against it was **RESOLVED**.

51. Community & Recreation Committee

Items referred to Full Council from Community & Recreation Committee held on the 24th July 2018

(i) Bobcat Rugby – After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Plummer and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That £1,000 be awarded to Bobcat Rugby and that the applicants apply separately to the Area Board and Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity.

(ii) Skate Park – After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Garwood and with 9 in favour and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED**: That £5,000 be set aside for feasibility costs, consultation and planning advice for a skate park.

(iii) Some changes to the Part 2 form were discussed, it was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Garwood and with 6 in favour and 4 against it was **RESOLVED**: that minor changes to the Part 2 introduction form

52. Widbrook Wood, Trowbridge Road

Wiltshire Council need to decide whether to list the asset on the register of Assets of Community Value. Comments required on whether the asset meets the definition of community value. Comments due to Wiltshire Council by 22nd August 2018. Chris Hogg explained that like Holt Parish Council he was looking for the Town Council to support his application. After some discussion, Cllr Brown proposed that the Town Council supports his application and Cllr Newton seconded and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That the Town Council supports the Chris Hogg's application.

53. Water Station

After some discussion and with the shops taking part in filling water bottles, it was agreed that this water station and fountain be placed in the Culver Close area of the town not at the front of St. Margaret's Hall.

54. Management Accounts Reports

The detailed management accounts and balance sheet up to the 30th June 2018 were noted.

55. Accounts for payment

Clerk explained that Cllr Kay had checked the accounts and found no problems. After some explanations had been given on the accounts members asked that if it was for the Women's 100 it should say so. Cllr Plummer also questioned why the Communications Manager was using her own money to finance the Town Council, members asked that this practice should cease and that the Town Council credit card should be used instead. It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Plummer and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That June invoices and payroll amounting to £51,091.39 be paid.

56. Private Business

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That the private session.

Appendix 1

Members of the Public who spoke at the Full Council meeting on the 7th August 2018

1. Glenys Lunt said that she thought a water station on St. Margaret's Hall would not be a good use of public funds. She said that most of the shops gave out water at the moment. How would the Town Council be able to look after it, as one of the public toilets in the St. Margaret's car park had been out of use since 7th July 2018 due to a faulty catch on the door.
2. John Potter said that he wished to speak about the closed playground at St. Aldhelm's. He said he was compiling a petition and had no idea how popular it was. He requested reassurance from the Town Council that they were doing everything possible to re-open the play area.
3. Cllr Sarah Gibson said that she was frustrated and annoyed that the St. Aldhelm's play area was closed and she thought that there should be a better mechanism to communicate. She thought that the Area Board and Town Council should go 50:50 to pay for the repairs to the playground and re-open it.