



**Bradford on Avon
Town Council**



Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr S Gibson
Cllr A Kay
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie (Chairman)
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr D Taylor
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)
Ian Brown (Director of Operations)
Lydia Booth (Communications Manager)

Apologies: Cllr E Franklin, Cllr T Lomax, Cllr J Lynch and Cllr J Parker.

Members of the Public - 2

Before the meeting started 2 minutes silence was observed to mark protest regarding the prorogation of Parliament. Cllrs Brown and Roberts did not participate.

58. Declarations of interest – none

59. Minutes

Cllr Gibson on behalf of Cllr Lynch asked for clarity about setting the agenda. Chairman advised that the Town Clerk prepares a draft agenda to discuss with the Chairman. The Town Clerk has the final say. After some amendments were made it was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Gibson and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes from the meeting held on the 6th August 2019 as a true record. The minutes from the meeting held on the 13th August 2019 would be accepted in private session. Cllr Brown requested to know when the council had agreed to record meetings. Clerk agreed to send this information to him.

60. Matters arising

(i) Town Traffic - Cllr Gibson reported that an officer from Wiltshire Council will be discussing the KERB report which was sent in mid-March 2019 and the 30th July 2019 resolution from the Town Council with a Director from Wiltshire Council in order to obtain a reply for the Town Council.

61. Minutes of committees

Environment and Planning Committee minutes from 13th August and 27th August 2019 noted.
Community & Recreation minutes from 30th July 2019 noted.

62. Chairman's report

Mayor's engagements noted.

63. Transfer of Woodland play Area, Holt Road

Director of Operations explained that the new play area on the Holt Road development would be transferred direct to the Town Council. With this came Section 106 monies £35,877 for open space and £20,000 towards maintenance of the play area. He said that this was the first time a developer had transferred direct to the Town Council. These monies should be sufficient to manage the play area for the next 20 years. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To sign and seal the document for the transfer of the woodland play area, Holt Road.

64. No Deal Brexit: Lack of preparedness

Cllr Kay raised her concerns that we have yet to receive any guidance about contingency plans in the event of Brexit from Wiltshire Council. Cllr Gibson reported that as a Unitary Councillor she had received no information from Wiltshire Council on this.

Councillor Roberts stated that Council should not involve itself in politics. Councillor Newton explained that this was not a matter of politics, we were not commenting on the pros and cons of Brexit but that as a Town council we were duty bound to take all the necessary steps to protect residents against any negative effect. The Chairman added that this was contingency planning in the same way that our C.E.V.s prepare for an emergency event.

It was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Newton and with 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED**: To send the draft letter to Wiltshire Council.

65. Confidential Business

It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Taylor and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: to start confidential business.