



**Bradford on Avon  
Town Council**



Minutes of the Virtual Town Council meeting of  
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL  
Held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown  
Cllr E Franklin  
Cllr D Garwood  
Cllr A Kay (Acting Chairman)  
Cllr T Lomax  
Cllr J Lynch  
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie (Chairman)  
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)  
Cllr J Parker  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr D Taylor  
Cllr J Parker  
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)  
Mr I Brown (Director of Operations)

Apologies: none

Chairman, Cllr McNeill-Ritchie encountered problems with his wi-fi signal, so Cllr Kay Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Members of the Public: 1

44. Declarations of interest - none

45. Minutes

After some changes were made it was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: to accept the minutes from the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

46. Matters arising - none

47. Minutes of Committees

The 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 Environment and Planning Minutes were noted.

48. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was noted. Subjects reported on: -

Avoncliff Weir Emergency Repair Project.

Acting Chairman spoke on the Avoncliff Weir Emergency Repair Project. She said that the work had been completed and inspected by the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020. She thanked Oliver Norton and the volunteers for all their hard work from Serve On, the Bradford on Avon Rowing Club and others who helped with this important community project.

Social Distancing Traffic Scheme

Wiltshire Council had finally installed bollards in both Market and Silver Street and made a number of alterations to the original scheme – most notably the addition of a crossing on the north end of the bridge. With regards to the arrival of the monitoring equipment, Cllr Gibson reported that she had agreed that the Town Council's recent grant award for Covid-19 expenses of £7,000 will be spent on

this equipment. Cllr Gibson reported that triangle warning signs will be placed by the pedestrian crossing to improve it. Cllr Roberts wanted more signage on the Town Bridge and Cllr Gibson agreed to ask for this. Cllr Gibson said that she was asking Wiltshire Council for a pedestrian crossing on New Road. Cllr Franklin thanked Cllr Gibson for attending many meetings on this.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

Acting Chairman said that she had been working with over 30 Wiltshire Town and Parish Councils elected representatives, who had written to Wiltshire Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 This called for a review of recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework that undermine Neighbourhood Plans in Wiltshire, and a 'clear defensible commitment to return to a sustainable 5-year land supply for housing by April 2021, without allocation from areas covered by made Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Gibson said that she would be attending the Environment and Planning Committee tomorrow night to further discuss this. She said that she had read the white paper and said there were some good points in there, but that she had noted that public engagement was lost at the end of the process. Cllr Roberts asked to see our Consultant's report on this.

#### Sponsored run

Acting Chairman congratulated Cllr McNeill-Ritchie on the completion of a 31-mile sponsored run as part of the distanced London Marathon last Sunday, in extremely wet conditions and raised over £700 in aid of SAAFA.

#### Living Green Wall

Crowdfunder launched and ready to receive donations.

#### 49. Digital accessibility recordings on Zoom

The Leader of the Council's Report was considered. Cllr Brown asked if the Town Council now had its own Zoom Account. Town Clerk agreed yes. After discussion, it was agreed to accept this statement for digital accessibility recordings on Zoom.

#### 50. Local Council Award Scheme

Clerk to send word documents of all the statements to all councillors, so that they could propose any changes to the draft statements. It was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

#### 51. Management Accounts

Detailed management reports up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 were noted. These accounts show detailed balance sheets and income and expenditure by committee. Cllr Kay checked these accounts.

#### 52. Accounts for payments

Cllr Roberts asked about income and payments for the Avoncliff Weir. He agreed to discuss this with the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all I favour it was **RESOLVED**: To approve payroll and direct payments and invoices for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 amounting to £80,140.63.

Cllr Lynch said that bearing in mind the problems he had faced this evening trying to join the meeting, he asked how he could access Zoom meetings easier. He wanted to attend the Environment and Planning Committee tomorrow night. Cllr Brown advised that he was sent a separate link from the Clerk. Clerk agreed to send everyone a Zoom link.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm.