

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee held 14 March 2022

FBP21/59 Present (in person): Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr E McDonagh and Cllr C Whittall

**In attendance:
Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

FBP21/60 Apologies for Absence: None

FBP21/61 Variation in Order of Business: None

**FBP21/62 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:
None Declared**

FBP21/63 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee dated 8 March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

**FBP21/64 Monthly Budget Balance
REC that the position be noted.**

FBP21/65 Jubilee Funding
DDDC is offering a £1000 grant to Wirksworth to support activities related to the Queens Jubilee.

REC that the Town Council apply for the grant of £1000 from DDDC. The funds to be used to support all activities organised by community groups to celebrate the jubilee (e.g. Queens Canopy Planting, Community celebrations). Given the short timescales, distribution of grant funds to be agreed via delegation (Cllr McDonagh, Cllr Clamp and Cllr Jordan).

FBP21/66 Flag Poles
A quote has been received from a contractor to assess the works required to repair or remove the flag poles.

REC that works proceed, with referral back to committee if further works or expense is required.

FBP21/67 Building Lights
Over the past few years there has been an increasing use of themed colour lighting of public buildings to support national events. Neither Town or Memorial Hall have this facility at present, participation could be achieved by placing a timed (coloured) LED light in the Main Hall and the Hall at Memorial Hall then leaving curtains open.

REC that clerk investigate whether this might be achieved, but being mindful of creating and adding to light pollution.

FBP21/68 Town Hall Façade

A medium sized piece of stone from the area above the clock face on the tower was found on the pavement by the caretaker during opening of Town Hall on 2/3/22. A Stonemason has checked the façade immediately adjacent to area where the stone came from and there is no more obvious loose masonry but it was not possible to inspect all the façade without scaffold/towers. The area has been closed to the public and the library are now entering via the Town Hall entrance. The council's insurers have been advised of the matter and are satisfied with precautions/measures taken whilst arrangements are made for a stone mason to inspect and install mitigating measures on the tower faces.

REC that the matter be noted, with any decision to be referred to full council for agreement or ratification

FBP21/69 Meadows Ecology Survey

A quote has been received from Baker Consultants to undertake ecological survey of the site.

REC that consultants be engaged at a cost of £385+vat.

FBP21/70 Staff Matters

National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services has agreed the new rate of pay applicable from 1 April 2021.

REC that new rates of pay be applied retrospectively to all serving staff as detailed in their contracts.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Chairman