

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD ON
MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2018

Present:

The Mayor of Hertford
Councillor Mrs S Dunkley

Councillors

Mrs R Bolton, P Boyle, S Cousins, R Deering, Dr J Downs, Mrs J Goodeve, Mrs B Haddock, Mrs S Newton, Dr L Radford, P Ruffles, Mrs S Rutland Barsby, Miss J Sartin and Mrs B Wrangles

Officers

Town Clerk – Mr J Whelan
Civic Administration Manager – Ms P Carpenter

Prayers – Cllr Ruffles led the Council in an opening prayer.

The Council stood for a minute's silence to remember Past Mayor Henry Sargent who had recently died.

502. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

503. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that she had carried out many engagements over the last few months which included choir and conference performances, school prize givings and carol services, as well as attendance at AGMs, quiz nights and events in other towns and events for the Isabel Hospice. The Mayor confirmed that the recent quiz night raised £2000 and thanked the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Haddock and fellow Councillors for their support. The Mayor advised that her Civic Dinner will be at Mayflower Place and she hoped members would be able to attend. The Mayor also confirmed that she hoped to organise an event to recognise the role of volunteers, which would take place in March.

504. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 31 October 2016 be approved as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign the same.

505. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

506. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor S Cousins moved the report of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 27 November 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Community Services Committee held on 27 November 2017 be received.

507. DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Councillor Miss J Sartin moved the report of the Development and Leisure Committee meeting held on 11 December 2017 (including the relevant reports of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 2 October, 16 October, 30 October, 13 November and the Bengo Area Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held on 28 September and 25 October 2017 and the Markets Working Party held on 25 September 2017).

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Development and Leisure Committee meeting held on 11 December 2017 (including the relevant reports of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 2 October, 16 October, 30 October, 13 November and the Bengoe Area Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held on 28 September and 25 October 2017 and the Markets Working Party held on 25 September 2017).

508. FINANCE, POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Councillor B Deering moved the report of the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Administration Committee held on 2 January 2018 (including the report of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 13 November 2017).

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Finance, Policy and Administration Committee meeting held on 2 January 2018 (including the report of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 13 November 2017) be noted.

509. PRECEPT 2018/19

The Chairman of the Finance Policy and Administration Committee presented the proposed budget and precept for 2018/19 and recommended the Council adopted the prudent budget.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Council **approves** a precept demand of £1,139,394 for 2017/18 which represents a 1.99% increase in the budget for a Band D household.
- b) The Council **approves** the Budget for 2018/19.
- c) The Council **authorised** the Mayor, two other Councillors (to include the Chairman of Finance, Policy and Administration Committee) and the Town Clerk to sign the formal precept demand.

Note: Cllr Mrs Haddock wished it to be recorded that she abstained from the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.43pm