



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2020 IN THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton, Town Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Shelbourn Barrow (Chair), Walters, Vagg, Eadington, Galitzine, Hinks, Smith, Tudgay, and Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked why the photographs of previous Mayor's have been removed from the Town Hall wall. The Chair explained photographs of the new Councillors are replacing them.

0776 APOLOGIES

Councillors Old, Greening and Hearne.

0777 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

0778 CHURCHFIELD CAR PARK – AREA EAST DECISION

The Chair shared in chronological order the events from October 2019 when the Town Council ratified the decision to continue with the car park compensation scheme for the 3 car parks through to the Area East Committee meeting in December 2019, where the decision to sell the Churchfield car park with the building was discussed. The Chair asked for members views. After a long discussion, it was resolved that the Chair will write to the Area East Committee Chairman, on behalf of the Council. The letter will include the following:

- Reference to the later dated 17th December 2019, confirming Wincanton Town Councils decision to enter a new 3 year car park compensation scheme for the 3 car parks in the Town and requesting the car park sale be taken back to the Area East Committee for further discussion.
- Reference to letters and emails sent to South Somerset District Council prior to the 17th December 2019 letter.
- A request for South Somerset District Council to consult the primary school and church.
- The Chairman's letter to be copied to Ward Councillors, Wincanton Chamber of Commerce and sent to Councillor Hobhouse as Chairman of the Regeneration Board and Area East Committee.

The following points were raised by Councillors:

- All future minutes should clearly state the key points of the conversation and decisions made.
- Councillors and staff will be more aware of conversations and language used when in informal conversations and formal meetings.
- Review the social media policy and ensure a clear understanding of the policy.
- The Clerk will check the Area East Committee agendas, once released and share with the Town Council.

The meeting ended at 8pm

Signed

Dated: 10th February 2020