

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earley Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley, Berkshire on Wednesday 18th October 2017 which commenced at 8.10pm.

Present

Chairman – The Mayor, Councillor M Firmager

Councillors J Armstrong, A Bradley, Dr N Brock, Mrs L Chambers, T Chambers, Mrs J Clark, Ms P Dunn, G Grandison, T Holton, R Houlbrooke, N Jorgensen, Mrs P Jorgensen, W Luck, Mrs S Matthews, Miss J Rance JP, J Russell, C Smith, Mrs A Swaddle and P Willis.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Ahmed, Miss L Blumenthal, D Chopping, Mrs M De Jong, and B Wedge.

45. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 26th July 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

46. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor announced that since the last meeting of the Town Council he had attended a number of events as follows:-

5 th August	Earley Green Fair
24 th August	BMX Track relaunch
7 th September	Air Cadets Civilian Committee
13 th September	Volunteer Centre AGM at Wokingham Town Hall
28 th September	HM Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire Awards Ceremony
29 th September	The Trustees of Wokingham District Cancer Care Trust, Wokingham Hospital presented a cheque to Sue Ryder
5 th October	Ceremonial Service for opening of the Crown Court at the start of the Judicial Year at Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin, Reading
8 th October	Living in Berkshire Iron Age Exhibition, Brock Keep, Oxford Road, Reading
15 th October	St Nicolas Centre start of construction work with Rev Neil Warwick, Vicar of St Nicolas Church and Rev Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading
17 th October	Naming of the David Fuller Room at Radstock Community Centre

The Mayor reminded Members to bring raffle donations for the Mayor's Christmas Reception on 6th December 2017.

The Town Mayor drew attention to an open letter from Barkham Parish Council in respect of current Housing Policy which had been circulated to all Councillors.

47. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

47.1 Planning Committee

47.1.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th August 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor A Bradley.

On the proposition of Councillor A Bradley seconded by Councillor J Armstrong it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th August 2017 (Minutes 34 – 43) be approved.

- 47.1.2 The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12th September 2017 were presented by the Committee Vice Chairman, Councillor W Luck.

On the proposition of Councillor W Luck seconded by Councillor J Armstrong it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12th September 2017 (Minutes 44 – 56) be approved.

47.2 Amenities & Leisure Committee

- 47.2.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee held on 6th September 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Mrs L Chambers.

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs L Chambers seconded by Councillor Miss J Rance JP it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee held on 6th September 2017 (Minutes 26 – 38) be approved.

47.3 Policy & Resources Committee

- 47.3.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 19th July 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor N Jorgensen. In presenting the Minutes, Councillor Jorgensen drew particular attention to Minute 17.1 that Mrs C Connell be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2017/18.

On the proposition of Councillor N Jorgensen seconded by Councillor Mrs A Swaddle it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 19th July 2017 (Minutes 13 – 23) be approved and that the recommendation at Minute 17.1 be approved.

- 47.3.2 The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 27th September 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor N Jorgensen. Councillor G Grandison reported that he had been present at the meeting, although he had not signed the attendance sheet and Members agreed to this amendment.

On the proposition of Councillor N Jorgensen seconded by Councillor R Houlbrooke it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, as amended, held on 27th September 2017 (Minutes 24 – 32) be approved.

48. REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

48.1 Reports of Representatives

48.1.1 CResCent

Councillors noted details of the report of a meeting of Earley Day Centre held on 14th August 2017, prepared by Councillor Tim Chambers which was previously circulated with the Agenda.

48.1.2 Sonning & District Welfare & Educational Trust

Councillors noted details of the report of a meeting of the Sonning & District Welfare & Educational Trust held on 19th September 2017, prepared by Councillor Pam Dunn which was previously circulated with the Agenda.

48.1.3 Borough Parish Liaison Forum

Councillors noted details of the report of a meeting of the Borough Parish Liaison Forum held on 10th October 2017, prepared by Councillor Brian Wedge which was previously circulated with the Agenda. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the issues highlighted by the Mayor, in response to an open letter from Barkham Parish Council in respect of current Housing Policy, be discussed further and the issue be added to the next Agenda of the Council.

48.1.4 ReadiBus

Councillors noted details of the report of a meeting of Readibus held on 21st September 2017, prepared by Councillor Brian Wedge which was previously circulated with the Agenda.

49. **TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS BRIEFING SESSION**

Councillors noted that Wokingham Borough Council had been working with Highways Alliance Partners WSP and Balfour Beatty Living Places on a number of initiatives relating to improved delivery of highways and transport works and projects, particularly focussing around how to better engage and communicate with elected Members, Town & Parish Councils and the Borough's residents.

The Town Council was invited to send a representative to a Transport and Highways Briefing Session to provide an update on these issues.

The session was to include:

- An update on Highways and Transport projects
- How they manage the network
- Public consultation on transport and highways issues to be launched soon
- A draft communication protocol for all highways works
- Communications for strategic projects

Councillors further noted that the briefing session was to be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 25th at Wokingham Borough Council Offices but, due to the necessity for Highways Officers to attend an urgent meeting elsewhere, it has been postponed to a date to be determined.

RESOLVED that Councillor W Luck attend the briefing on the rearranged date.

50. **COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCES**

50.1 Record of Members' Attendance

Councillors noted details of the Councillors' attendances during 2017/18, which had been circulated with the Agenda, and which are appended to these Minutes. It was

RESOLVED that the amendment be made as per Minute 47.3.2 with regard to attendance.

51. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

Councillors were asked to receive details of the Orders for Payment since the last meeting of the Town Council.

RESOLVED that the various Accounts as set out in the list attached to these Minutes (Vouchers 366 – 406, 407 – 431, 432 – 487 and 488 – 506) be paid in the sums as stated.

52. PUBLICATIONS

Councillors noted that the following publications had been received and were available for perusal in the Council Offices:

Woodley Town Council:	Agenda and Minutes for the period 27 th June to 19 th September 2017.
Maiden Erlegh Residents' Association:	Minutes of meeting held 14 th September 2017.
Neighbourhood Action Group (Community Forum):	Agenda for meeting to be held 9 th October 2017.
Earley Community Minibus	Minutes of meeting held on 3 rd October 2017
Maiden Erlegh Residents' Association:	Minutes of meeting held 12 th October 2017.

53. PRESS RELEASES

It was

RESOLVED that the following items should receive special press attention;

1. Renaming of the Parish Room to the David Fuller Room.
2. New equipment at Sol Joel Park open in time for School Half Term.
3. Information about the Earley Emergency Responders.

54. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8.32pm.