

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Helen Brown

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Bob Connah, Lowri Earith, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Ryan O’Gorman, Emma Preece, Dan Preece, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Richard Taylor and Ant Turton

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

106/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor George Hardcastle.

107/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Ralph Small and Richard Taylor declared an interest in the following item of business and duly completed their declaration of interest forms.

108/19 REQUEST FROM 1ST HAWARDEN SCOUT GROUP:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that this request should be dealt with in phases. Phase 1 related to the condition of the tree. An advanced tree inspection had been undertaken using ‘picus sonic tomography’ equipment by Mr Stephen Cutmore, Chartered Arboriculturist. Regrettably the survey had concluded that the *“tree ought to be felled to ground level and the stump ground out for sanitary reasons. A replacement tree of a species suitable for the soil type on site should be planted in the near vicinity as compensation”*. The additional requests from the Hawarden 1st Scout Group would be re-considered following the conclusion of correspondence between the Community Council and the Charity Commission regarding the Gladstone Playing fields.

Members considered the outcome of the report and Councillor Joyce Angell said that the Community Council had a moral obligation to remove the tree in the interests of health and safety. The tree had a Tree Preservation Order on it and the Community Council had submitted a planning application accordingly which had been included on the agenda for the planning committee later in the evening.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the contents of the specialist report and fell the tree in line with any proposals contained within the planning documentation for the Tree Preservation Order.

109/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 8th July 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

110/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

111/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 8th July 2019 be received:

Staff & General Purposes Committee
Community Amenities Committee
Planning Committee
Finance Committee

112/19 PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 14th August 2019 had been circulated and Members had been asked to receive and approve the minutes.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the minutes.

113/19 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Helen Brown, on behalf of the Community Council, congratulated Councillor Dave Mackie and his wife Doreen, on their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations.

Councillor Helen Brown also referred to the success of the Summer community events including the Hawarden Carnival, the Scarecrow competition and the Community in Bloom completion. She expressed her disappointment that only 3 members had been able to attend the Community in Bloom presentation evening in August. Councillors agreed to review the promotion of the competition for the following year.

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