

## BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 6:30PM AT ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL, CANAL ROAD, BINGLEY BD16 2SD

Start: 6:30pm

Finish: 8:00pm

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Beckwith, Chapman, Clough, Dawson, Dearden, Fenton, Goode, O'Neill, Quarrie, Simpson, Truelove, J Wheatley, M Wheatley and Winnard.

**In attendance:** Ruth Batterley, Town Clerk  
Laura Jowett, Administrative Officer

**Members of the public:** None

#### 1617/256 Chair's remarks

Councillor Dawson thanked:

- Councillors Chapman, Goode and Truelove for their work on the Easter Extravaganza
- Councillors Varley, Clough, O'Neill, Winnard, and Dearden who had helped with the stall at the Easter event

She reported her attendance at The Bingley Rotary Club meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Chair noted that the Station Master's House is up for sale and she further noted that Lidl will be giving information about the proposed new development before the next Planning meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. All councillors are invited to attend this private information session.

#### 1617/257 Disclosures of interest

1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.
2. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest
3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

There were no declarations of interest and no written requests for dispensation had been received.

#### 1617/258 Apologies for Absence

To approve the reasons for Members' absence (if applicable).

**Resolved** to approve the apologies of Councillor Varley (work) and Councillor O'Neil (personal). Proposed Councillor Hardman, seconded Councillor Winnard and agreed. All were in favour.

#### 1617/259 Resolution to Adjourn the Meeting

RESOLUTION to adjourn the meeting in order to receive reports from invited guests and in order that the public be permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business included on the agenda or ask questions on any other matter of relevance to the parish.

#### Public Participation

- Questions / observations from members of the public
- Reports from invited guests:

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**Resolved** to adjourn the meeting. Proposed Councillor Goode, seconded Councillor Trulove and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/260 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded, seconded Councillor Dearden and agreed. All were in favour, bar one abstention from the vote.

#### **1617/261 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

**a) Bingley Market**

**b) Annual Town Meeting**

- a) Councillor Truelove updated the council on the Easter event. He thanked Councillor Chapman for her work in arranging the stallholders at short notice and noted that Bradford Council had been helpful. The event had been a huge success. The Chamber of Trade is likely to require £700 of the £1,500 agreed by the Council. It was noted that the stalls need a thorough clean and this will be raised at a review meeting with the Chamber of Trade and Richard Ambler from Bradford Council Market department.

Councillors were asked for their comments on the market survey.

- b) **Annual Town Meeting** It was noted that the meeting will take place at the Methodist Church on Morningson Road on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

#### **1617/262 General Power of Competence**

To consider if Bingley Town Council wishes to adopt and use the General Power of Competence.

Under the Localism Act 2011, sec1-8, the Town Council:

**Resolved** that Bingley Town Council meets the criteria to adopt and use the General Power of Competence. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Goode and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/263 Royal British Legion**

**a) To receive the report on the Royal British Legion**

**b) To consider next steps**

- a) Councillor Chapman updated the council on the meeting that she and Councillor Truelove had attended. Help is needed from the Town Council and other local groups. A meeting is being arranged by the Royal British Legion over the next few weeks and interested councillors who wish to offer support, will be invited to attend.
- b) **Resolved** that Bingley Town Council agrees in principle to support the Royal British Legion with the Remembrance Parade. Proposed Councillor Chapman, seconded Councillor Truelove and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/264 National Citizens' Service**

**a) To receive the report on National Citizens' Service**

**b) To consider next steps**

Councillor J Wheatley advised that there are no financial implications for the Town Council project with NCS. It will have no impact on the council's insurance, but NCS would like to see a copy of the town council's public liability cover. Various suggestions were made about possible projects:

- Clearing Britannia Wharf
- Signposting to Bingley to connect the canal to the town centre
- Making repairs to Bingley Pool and help with the cleaning
- Making improvements to the flower beds outside Bingley Pool
- Making the hoardings at The Annex more attractive

**Resolved** Councillor Wheatley will send the list of suggested projects to the coordinator at NCS and ask that the preferred project be notified to the Town Council if possible for its meeting in May, but certainly in time for the June full council meeting. This is so that the council can comment on the proposed project. Proposed Councillor J Wheatley, seconded Councillor Quarrie and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/265 Bingley Toilets**

- To receive the update on the Bingley toilets**
- To consider next steps**

a) Councillors Dearden and Dawson updated the council on the recent meeting that he and Councillor Dawson had attended with Gill Wilkinson and Damian Fisher both from Bradford Council. Disposal details of the toilets are to be worked through by Bradford Council. Further information is to be requested from Bradford Council to assist the Town Council with its consideration of the closure of the public conveniences in the town centre. **Resolved:** the Town Council wishes to ensure that there is public toilet provision in Bingley. Clarification is to be sought from Bradford Council about the options and potential model for transfer of the public toilets in Bingley. Additional information about footfall and expenditure over the last five years is also to be requested. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Beckwith and agreed. Twelve were in favour and two against.

#### **1617/266 Traffic measures, Bradford Road, Bingley**

- To receive the consultation on the traffic measures for Bradford Road, Bingley**
- To consider any comment the Town Council may wish to make on the consultation**

The traffic consultation had been circulated with the meeting papers. Resolved that the Town Council will support the proposals as contained in the consultation. The measures include the proposed reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit on Bradford Road to 30mph between its junctions with Oak Avenue and Cottingley Drive, and the introduction of an advisory part-time 20mph speed limit on those sections of Bradford Road and Wagon Lane fronting Beckfoot School. The part-time 20mph speed limit would operate Monday-Friday between 8am - 9am, and 14:30 - 15:15 (so as to correspond with the start and end of the school day). Proposed Councillor Goode, seconded Councillor Chapman and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/267 Stanley Street Public Footpath 19**

- To consider any comment the council may wish to make on the consultation for the above footpath**

**Resolved** that the Town Council will make no comment on this consultation. Proposed Councillor M Wheatley, seconded Councillor Clough and agreed. Thirteen were in favour and there was one abstention from the vote.

#### **1617/268 Event Diary and Protocol**

- To receive the event diary and protocol draft**
- To consider any next steps**

**Resolved** that the event diary and protocol be adopted for Bingley Town Council. Councillors were asked to inform the clerk so that attendance at meetings can be recorded on the diary and circulated on a regular basis. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Winnard. Thirteen were in favour and one was against.

#### **1617/269 Town Council Publicity Information and Events from Other Organisations**

**Resolved** to approve the Town Council publicity information and events from other organisations. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Simpson and agreed. Eleven were in favour and there were three abstentions from the vote.

#### **1617/270 Town Council Insurance**

- a) **To consider the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes regarding the Town Council insurance**

**Resolved** to approve the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes committee that following the committee's review of the Town Council insurance, it should be amended to reflect a higher amount of £250,000 for Employee Dishonesty and the hardware for the floral displays is also to be included. Proposed Councillor Dearden, seconded Councillor Dawson and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/271 Alzheimer's Society Meeting**

- a) **To receive an update from this meeting**

Councillor Truelove updated the council on his recent attendance at the meeting. **Resolved** that Bev Fletcher from the local Alzheimer's Society be invited to a future Town Council meeting. Proposed Councillor Truelove, seconded Councillor Winnard and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/272 Clerk Report**

- a) **To receive the report**

The clerk report was noted. The clerk advised that the independent valuation of the Station Master's House will not be taking place owing to the surveyor needing to gain access to the property.

#### **1617/273 Finance**

- a) **Payments. To approve payments**

**Resolved** to approve the April 2017 payment schedule for this meeting. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor J Wheatley and agreed.

**Resolved** that the amount allowed for new IT equipment for the Administrative Officer be increased from £1,000 to £1,500 with the difference being taken from office equipment for the new office. The extra amount will only be spent if needed. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Dearden and agreed. All were in favour.

#### **1617/274 Date and location of next meeting**

To note the date of the next meeting as being Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at Eldwick Church Hall, Otley Road, Eldwick, BD16 3EQ at 7:00pm

It was noted that the ordinary meeting next month will start at 7:00pm owing to the Annual Meeting of the Council taking place at 6:30pm.