

RESOLVED: That

- [1] Councillor T. Jones proposed that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2nd April 2014 be adopted. Councillor A. Wilkinson seconded the proposal and the minutes were accepted.
- [2] Councillor p. Williams proposed that the minutes of the Rose Committee held on 9th April 2014 be adopted. Councillor D. Gaye seconded the proposal and the minutes were accepted.
- [3] Councillor M. Grocott proposed that the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 9th April 2014 be adopted. Councillor G. Martin seconded the proposal and the minutes were accepted.
- [4] Councillor G. Martin proposed that the minutes of the Festival Committee held on 23rd April 2014 be adopted. Councillor J. Martin seconded the proposal and the minutes were accepted.

5. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised that he had not attended any civic events since the last Town Council meeting.

Members were informed of the Rugeley indoor market survey that was being conducted by Cannock Chase District Council. The survey forms could be completed online or hardcopies were available in the Town Council Offices, District Council Offices and the Library.

6. Police Reports

No report was given to the meeting.

7. Notice of Election of the vacant Town Council seat

Members were informed that an election had been called. A discussion on the cost of the election took place during which it became apparent that some Town Councillors had called the election for the purpose of democracy.

The election would take place on 24th July 2014 in the Etching Hill Ward. The Chairman informed Members of the dates for nominations. The Council were required to decide whether polling cards should be printed. The District Council had informed the Council that the estimated cost of polling cards was £2000.00, this was optional. All other costs would amount to approximately £3500.00. If there was only one candidate the election would be non-contested and the costs would not occur.

Councillor T. Jones proposed that the Council proceed without polling cards giving a maximum cost to the Council of £3500 rather than spending over £5000.00 for a eight month period. The proposal was seconded by Councillor M. Grocott accepted.

Resolved: That

- [1] the Council proceed with the election without polling cards.

8. Items for Council agendas

The Chairman advised that papers circulated at Council meetings would no longer be accepted and that the meeting would remain in line with the agenda and no further discussion would take place. The Chairman advised Members that they could add items to the agenda by advising Officers no less than ten days before the meeting.

Councillor J. Rowley proposed that Members notify the office of any agenda items no later than 10 days before the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor G. Martin and accepted.

Resolved: That

[1] Members inform the officers of agenda items 10 days before the meeting.

9. ACAS Training on being a good employer

Following the recommendation of the County Councillor Solicitor on training for Councillors as employers, details of an ACAS training course were circulated at the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed that this would be deferred to a future meeting.

10. Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

It was noted that the Finance Committee had previously appointed a working group. The Members of the working group were confirmed to be Councillors N. Stanley, P. Williams, G. Martin and J. Rowley.

It was suggested that a figure for the higher standard be selected. Councillor T. Jones proposed that this figure should be twenty thousand rather than the current sixty thousand.

11. Planning Committee Terms of Reference

The Planning Committee had provided Council with suggested terms of reference for the Committee so it was clear what powers were held. Councillor T. Jones proposed that the terms of reference be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor P. Williams and agreed.

Resolved: That

[1] the Planning Committee terms of reference be adopted.

12. End of Year Accounts

Councillor T. Jones thanked Officers for the work done in closing the end of year accounts and proposed that they be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Councillor D. Gaye and accepted.

Resolved: That

[1] the accounts be adopted and submitted to the external auditors.

13. Staffordshire Parish Council Association Bulletin

Members were presented with the bulletin dated 29th May and included details on The Local Government Transparency Code for parish councils with a gross annual income or expenditure exceeding £200,000.00. The information was noted.

14. Charter Fair 2014

Members were given final details of the event and were asked to confirm their availability for marshalling. It was noted that radios and hi vis vests could be collected from the Council Offices on Friday.

15. Theatre Seating Refurbishment

The Council had only received one quote, a further two were required for a decision to be made. It was agreed that this would be forward to the Rose Committee for a decision.

Resolved: That

[1] the item be placed on the next Rose Committee agenda with additional quotes for consideration.

16. Correspondence from CCDC regarding ASB at Dihanh's Knob

The correspondence was noted.

17. Comments from Councillors on possible monument on Horse Fair

The Chairman gave an overview of discussions that were taking place for a possible monument on Horse Fair. It was felt that this needed to be discussed jointly with Brereton Parish Council. More information would be provided when available.

18. Public Open Forum

A representative from the Traders Association expressed views on the by-election in Etching Hill Ward suggesting there would be a very poor turn out and that the expenditure was not necessary.

It was though that the works should be completed on Horse Fair so people can see how the new layout would work before discussions on a monument begin.

Councillor T. Jones raised an item on behalf of a member of the public who had contacted him and was not able to attend. Concerns were raised over litter and the absence of bins on the public footpath in the vicinity of Fair Oak School.

19. Exclusion of the Public

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 (A) paragraphs 1 & 2, 3 & 4.

20. CCTV


Members were presented with three quotes and details for the CCTV in the Rose Theatre and Council Offices. Following a discussion Councillor T. Jones proposed that no decision be made until the quality had been seen. This was seconded by Councillor J. Bowater.

It was suggested that a presentation be set up. Councillor N. Stanley proposed that the decision be delegated to a joint Finance and Rose Committee group. This was seconded by Councillor G. Grant and accepted.

Resolved: That

[1] the Rose and Finance Committees be given delegated powers to form a joint group to make a decision on the CCTV.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 22:10 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 2/07/2014