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RUGELEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Rugeley Town Council Offices, Taylors Lane, Rugeley at 8.00pm on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

Present: Councillors: Cllr. J. Rowley (Chairman); Cllr. G. Martin (Vice-Chair); Cllr R Alexander; Cllr Mrs A Cooney; Cllr D Gaye; Cllr J Martin; Cllr Mrs P Williams; Cllr N Stanley; Cllr G Grant; Cllr J Johnson; Cllr Mrs A Alt; Cllr Mrs P Ansell; Cllr M Grocott; Cllr Mrs H Southall; Cllr J Bowater; Cllr T Jones

Clerk: Acting Town Clerk - Mrs C Dillow
3 members of the public.

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr P Emery; Cllr A Wilkinson; Cllr A Williams	
2.	Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda (Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already) Cllr Gaye declared a personal interest in item of 5 the agenda.	
3.	To receive any requests for dispensation None received.	
4.	Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has a power. 1 member of the public reported the embankment has now been cleared of litter and ATS has taken down the dangerous fence and thanked the Council for their help in the matter.	
5.	To receive Presentation from Chase Community Solar Limited – ➤ Michael Kingham (15 Mins Max) Michael Kingham gave a 15 minute power point presentation on Chase Solar Community. It was noted that the scheme needs wider recognition as many people didn't know about it. There is to be a phase 2 and Mr Kingham said he will look into promoting the scheme further now he is aware. The Chairman thanked Mr Kingham for his presentation.	
6.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on: ➤ 4 th February 2015 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record	
7.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Committee meetings held on: ➤ Rose Committee 14 th January 2015 ➤ Finance & management Committee 14 th January 2015 ➤ Festival Committee 21 st January 2015 The minutes of the Committees were approved and signed as a true and accurate record. It was commented that the Festival Committee appear to have adopted to Resolve items when it should be Recommended? Cllr Jones reported this does not apply to the planning Committee. The Clerk will investigate the matter.	
8.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Chairman reported he will be attending two events, one with the Rugeley Lions and a Brewery Night.	

9.	<p>To receive recommendation from Rose Committee – Janice Rowlands</p> <p>The Clerk read out an urgent email forwarded on from Starlite Events Ltd, on recommendation of the Rose Committee, a request to use the Theatre free of charge in April to put on a show in memory of the late Janice Rowlands who regularly used the Theatre. It was proposed by Cllr Grocott and seconded by Cllr G Martin the request be supported. It was Resolved to waiver the fees and support the request.</p>	
10.	<p>Christmas Lights – To receive update on Blachere Illuminations</p> <p>The Clerk reported on a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the issues with the Christmas Lights not being satisfactory for 2014 and the service received by the contractor. It was recommended that Council members meet with Blachere to discuss the issues and offer to pay a % of the outstanding bill upon a satisfactory site visit. It was proposed by Cllr Cooney and seconded by Cllr Stanley a site visit is arranged and a proportion of the outstanding bill is paid. It was Resolved for the Clerk to arrange a site visit between Blachere and the Council to discuss the issues and arrange for a cheque to be signed for a proportion of the outstanding bill upon a satisfactory site visit.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Clerks report -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To receive any correspondence and circulars ➤ SLCC Membership ➤ Community Paths Bid ➤ To receive any other correspondence <p>The above correspondence was received and noted and it was Resolved not to renew the SLCC membership for 2015. The clerk read out the letter regarding the Community Paths Bids for 2015, Cllr Grant reported that the bridge across the Heritage Trail has collapsed and requires antique brick work by the two arches, It was proposed by Cllr Grocott and seconded by Cllr J Martin the Clerk to enquire if a repair would be considered under the scheme. It was Resolved Clerk to make enquiries if the brickwork can be repaired under the CPI Scheme.</p>	Clerk
	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>It was Resolved 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.</p>	
12.	<p>Staffing –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To discuss method of payment of staff salaries <p>The method of paying staff salaries was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs P Williams and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Ansell that Bacs payments for salaries be set up at the end of May when the new Council Committee has been appointed. It was Resolved to set up payments of staff salaries by way of Bacs at the end of May following the appoint of the new Council Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To discuss advice received from Hands, Morgan and Owen at the Extra Ordinary meeting of 26th February 2015 <p>Following the advice received from Hand, Morgan and Owen at the extra ordinary meeting of the Council on 26th February 2015 a discussion took place regarding staffing matters and it was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Grocott that the advice of the solicitor is taken on board and to amended pay scale to SCP43 and award Occupational Maternity Pay as per the Green Book Terms. Cllr Williams requested a named vote be taken.</p> <p>A vote was taken as follows –</p> <p>Cllr Alexander – For Cllr Mrs Alt – For Cllr Mrs Ansell – For Cllr Bowater – For</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Mrs Cooney – For Cllr Gaye – For Cllr Grant – For Cllr Grocott – For Cllr Jones – For Cllr Johnson - For Cllr G Martin – For Cllr J Martin – For Cllr Rowley – For Cllr Mrs Southwell – For Cllr Stanley – Against Cllr Mrs Williams – Against</p> <p>It was Resolved following a majority vote to amend pay scale to SCP43 and award occupational maternity pay as per the Green Book Terms</p>	
13.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 1st March ^{April} 2015 at 8.00pm</p>	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm