

RUGELEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Rugeley Town Council Offices, Taylors Lane, Rugeley at 7.00pm 2nd MARCH 2016

Present: Councillors: Cllr M Grocott (Chairman); Cllr Mrs P Ansell (Vice-Chair); Cllr R Alexander; Cllr Mrs A Cooney; Cllr B Dipple; Cllr D Gaye; Cllr G Grant; Cllr C Green; Cllr D Hancock; Mrs P Hancock; Cllr I Hodgson; Cllr R Jones; Cllr Mrs C Panter-Hood; Cllr Mrs G Turner

Clerk: Town Clerk - Mrs C Dillow
x 5 Members of the public in attendance (Including 3 members of SCC)

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr J Bowater; Cllr Ms S Whitehouse	
2.	Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda (Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already) None received.	
3.	To receive any requests for dispensation None received.	
4.	<p>To receive presentation from the Environmental Agency – Rising Brook Flood relief plan – (Hannah Burgess; Ian Benson & Cllr Winnington)</p> <p>3 members of the public from Staffordshire County Council flood risk team (Hannah Burgess; Will Groves and Ian Benson) were in attendance to answer further questions regarding the proposed flood alleviation scheme. Following on from the last presentation to Full Council it was reiterated that there is a risk that flooding in this area could happen and redevelopment to areas such as Market Hall or the Bus Station area will not happen unless economic regeneration is created by relieving the flood alleviation. The bus station area is a natural low spot and floods would find its way into shop areas, if alleviated it would help to improve drainage within the town centre.</p> <p>Some questions / comments were tabled by Cllr's present -</p> <p>1. Cllr Green asked who calculated the flood plain and how?</p> <p>Answer – it is modelled by a specialist consultant followed by Government rules and rainfall characteristics are monitored.</p> <p>Cllr M Titchford of Stafford County Council arrived at 7.20pm</p> <p>2. Cllr Jones commented that he is not opposed to the scheme but had received information that a lot of insurers would not insure local businesses if there was local flooding. Cllr Mrs A Cooney commented that she had not experienced any problems to date with insurance.</p> <p><i>D Hancock AG</i></p> <p>3. Cllr Dipple commented that he accepts the scheme needs doing but what is the cause, is it because it has gone from a plain to a pit? The pit that was previously here managed to pump the water away adequately and feels the water table may have gone up due to development along that area.</p> <p>4. Cllr Hodgson requested that the flood officers come back to the Council to confirm what will happen if the area receives 50% more water and that the current 100 year levels and maps be investigated.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Titchford explained they are a freehold owner with a very long lease, there is no explicit link to Market Hall to be sold and feels the alleviation scheme would be an improvement to the site. Cllr Grocott requested that as a promise if it goes ahead that the remainder of the drainage system in the Town Centre is looked at as it is causing problems.</p> <p>It was agreed with Hannah Burgess that the Clerk / Chairman to make contact to arrange a site visit imminently to arrange a site visit of the area to assess the drainage problems.</p> <p>5. Cllr Mrs A Cooney requested a list of funding from whom and how much is made available?</p> <p>6. Cllr Grocott thanked the members of Staffordshire County Council for their attendance and answering questions but feels hard facts are still required not just predictions and the drainage issue within the Town really needs to be addressed. It was agreed for a site visit to proceed between Staffordshire County Council and Rugeley Town Council as soon as possible.</p>	
5.	<p>Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has a power.</p> <p>1 member of the public in attendance addressed the Council on matters concerning the 'Rugeley Antlers Return' quotations have been sort and replies are being awaited from Network Rail to see if the original can go back up instead of a replica? Funding has been applied for from several local companies and the outcome of the applications is ongoing. Mr Lucas was thanked for all his efforts so far and Cllr D Hancock along with Mr Lucas agreed they are happy to ensure the safety of the Antlers. Cllr Grocott proposed as long as all the necessary funding is secured work can proceed and Mr Lucas is to report back to Council with updates, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs P Ansell; a vote was taken with all members present in favour.</p>	
6.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on:</p> <p>➤ 3rd February 2016</p> <p>Cllr R Jones thanked Cllr Mrs A Cooney for the minutes of the February meeting in the absence of the Clerk due to Sickness.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr D Hancock that the minutes are approved and signed as a true and accurate record; a vote was taken with all members present in favour.</p>	
7.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Committee meetings held on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Committee 6th January 2016 2. Rose Committee 20th January 2016 3. Finance & Management Committee 20th January 2016 4. Festival Committee 27th January 2016 <p>The minutes of the Committees were approved and signed as a true and accurate record as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed by Cllr P Ansell; Seconded by Cllr G Turner – All in favour 2. Proposed by Cllr P Ansell; Seconded by Cllr D Gaye - All in Favour 3. Proposed by Cllr R Alexander; Seconded by Cllr G Grant – All in favour 4. Proposed by Cllr D Gaye; Seconded by Cllr P Hancock – All in favour 	

8.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nothing to report.	
9.	Clerks report – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To receive any correspondence and Circulars (including information enclosed with agenda) ➤ Rugeley Power Station (Info Encl) <p>Information regarding Rugeley Power Station was circulated to all Cllr's with the agenda and the item was discussed; it was noted that Local MP A Millington has asked the Prime Minister to look into the site but to date has received no reply. They are looking at reducing the site significantly but it will take 2 – years before it is decommissioned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To review list of actions <p>The Clerk read out the list of outstanding actions and there position to date, this was noted and no further action required.</p>	
10.	Vacancy of the Council – to receive and consider applications Cllrs Gaye; Mrs C Panter-Hood and Mrs G Turner declared a personal interest in Applicant C of the applications. Applicant C being present at the meeting in the public gallery left the meeting at this point (8.50pm) by their own request. The Chairman commented that they were welcome to stay but Applicant C insisted they preferred not to be present; Applicant C Left the meeting. The Chairman proposed as there were 3 applications for co-option a secret ballot be taken, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs A Cooney, a vote was taken with 12 for and 2 abstentions. It was Resolved to vote by secret ballot. A secret ballot was taken and it was Resolved by majority vote that Applicant B would be co-opted onto the Council for the remainder of term up to 4 years.	
11.	CIL Funding – Cllr D Gaye (info encl) Information was enclosed with the agenda and the item was discussed, it was noted we only get 15% on houses in Rugeley, Cllr Gaye commented that there is a request for extra bins by Fernwood Shops, the shops have already accumulated £700.00 toward the cost of new bins. Cllr Cooney proposed the Council match fund (from CIL funds) the £700.00 toward the cost of new bins for the Fernwood shops, this was seconded by Cllr Gaye, and a vote was taken with all members present in favour. It was resolved to match fund (from CIL funds) £700.00 towards the cost of new bins for the Fernwood shops.	
12.	Closure of Banks in Rugeley Town Centre on Wednesdays – Cllr I Hodgson Cllr Hodgson reported he felt the closure of Banks (Barclays) on a Wednesday has had a knock on effect to the businesses with in the town. The Clerk confirmed she would check if it was only Barclays or other banks that also close on Wednesdays?	Clerk
13.	Reports of meetings attended by Cllrs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To receive any reports from meetings attend by Cllrs to outside bodies <p>Cllr Ansell reported she had attended a meeting of Dementia Friendly; Cllr Gaye reported he attended a meeting of Chancel Trust and Cllr Grocott reported the Community Church is looking at having an open day in the next couple of months to help the centres regeneration.</p>	

Prime Minister

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Signed..... Date

14.	Date of next meeting ➤ 6 th April 2016	
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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.20pm

A R. Scott 6/4/2016