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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PADDOCK WOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON Monday 16th July, 2018, at the Day Centre, Commercial Road, at
7.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs M Flashman, in the Chair
 Cllrs R. Atkins, D. Boyle, J Flashman, S. Hamilton, D. Henshaw,
 D. Sargison, R. Steward, C. Williams, E. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Stewart Deputy Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Turk, Borough Councillor Allan Gooda, Mrs N Reay
 Town Clerk. Apologies from Cllr Hamilton for lateness.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

There were no questions from residents.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Thomas thanks the Deputy Clerk and the Chairman for dealing so promptly with the traveller incursion on Green Lane. The Deputy Clerk advised that there was court date for Thursday so they would probably therefore be leaving on Thursday or Friday.

Cllr Boyle asked that a request be passed to County Cllr Hamilton asking for the promised details of the scheduled road repairs in the document that she had shown him on her phone at the last meeting.

C34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C35 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th June 2018 were APPROVED.

C36 INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were none.

C37 FINANCE

The payments list was noted. It was requested that a list of the receipts should be forwarded to councillors.

C38 COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr E Wilson updated members on the working party meeting on Tuesday 10th July 2018. It was a long meeting, the PM and the architect both attended. The WP did not get through the agenda and therefore did not discuss the

communications strategy. WP members had not looked at the Risk Register in advance which caused some delay. Cllr E Wilson had been elected Chairman of the WP. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th of August in the Wesley Centre. The board meeting took place on Wednesday 11th July 2018. Cllr M Flashman advised that no decisions had been taken but there had been discussion re community engagement and response to the petition that was in circulation. There was a possibility of increasing the parking on site by changing the layout slightly Cllr C Williams was preparing a piece for the Town Crier and a longer piece for the Courier and Times of Tunbridge Wells. A list of FAQ's would be displayed along with the printed plastic banners. The Town Clerk has submitted an article to the Town Crier confirming that there are no covenants on the Memorial Field, although there is one on Putlands Field. Cllr Moon expressed disquiet that the petition was seemingly being promoted by a number of members of the Heritage Group on the NP who he would have expected to support a decision ratified by the Full Council. It was confirmed that Cllr Hamilton had been given Pat Dadson's archive and had permission to use the images. Cllr E Wilson would discuss the drafting of the FAQ's upon the Town Clerk's return and Andy Mackie would be asked to provide the draft that he has already prepared.(Cllr Hamilton arrived) Cllr Atkins asked that councillors be provided with a copy of the report on hall capacity/facilities in the town.

C39 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr M Flashman advised that the access and movement policy had been finalised but was awaiting progress on the TWBC Local Plan. A consultation on the Green Spaces Draft from TWBC had been prepared jointly by the P and E committee and the NP Group and was being submitted to TWBC. Minutes of the next NP meeting would be submitted to all members after the meeting on Wednesday (18th July). This would discuss the modern market town concept and the Marden draft NP. PWTC and the NP are still waiting for confirmation from Stephen Baughen of the proposed date for the sites workshop of 23rd of August.

C40 CALL FOR SITES

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee. The report was circulated. There was discussion regarding

- Evident requirement for mixed development to include employment areas
- Need for enhanced and improved infrastructure to accommodate development
- Flood risk from surface water and foul drainage sources.
- Demand for Social Housing not just 'affordable'.
- Necessity of a genuine masterplan and strategic approach.
- NP's policy to provide additional business space for smaller enterprises in the Town Centre.
- Onerous licensing restrictions that seemed to preclude any night time economy in the town.

C41 5 YEAR PLAN

This was noted.

C42 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

To receive a report from the council's representatives when available:

- (a) Chairman's meeting
There had been a presentation on TWBC Overview and Scrutiny and discussion re it's work on the planning process. It was advised that 95% of applications are dealt with by officers under delegated powers and do not go to committee. O and S are asking for suggestions for areas of study.
- (b) Paddock Wood Business Association
Meeting was cancelled.
- (c) Bereko Committee
Their carnival stand had a water theme which was interesting and informative and designed to make young people think about the issue.
- (d) KALC
No meeting.
- (e) Medway Valley Line
Cllr D Sargison had been unable to attend.
- (f) Hop Pickers
Their AGM is on July 17th. Cllr R Moon will attend.
- (g) Council Web site
Nothing to report.
- (h) Youth Council
Have had final meeting for the school year, hoping to arrange a barbeque during the holidays. Would be approaching the Council for a small amount of funding for this. The Young Person of the Year Awards are open.
- (i) Councillor's surgery
Outside Waitrose for 10-12.on Saturday.
- (j) Newsletter
The deadline for this is 27th of July. Teresa Maxwell has worked hard on this and is collating and preparing photos and artwork.

C43 EVENTS ATTENDED

- (a) Cllrs Henshaw & Wilson had attended the "Big Conversation" on rural transport on the 5th July.Cllr Henshaw suggested that Cllrs should respond as individuals. A link to the consultation has been circulated.
- (b) The Clerk & Cllr Williams had attended the NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Stakeholder meeting on 3rd July. Cllr Williams advised that the intention was to provide local hubs where hospital services like phlebotomy could be provided locally without requiring a hospital visit. They would serve GP clusters.
- (c) The Chairman had attended the NE Quadrant Group meeting. This comprised reps from Pembury, Capel, Brenchley and Matfield and Horsmonden. The Chairman reported the content of the meeting to Councillors. There was discussion with some Councillors expressing disquiet as to the terms of reference of the group and it's remit being in conflict with the elected parish and town councils. Cllr Hamilton proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that the Chairman should continue to attend the meetings. Cllr R Moon proposed and Cllr Boyle seconded an amendment 'on the condition that the meetings are minuted and their content is not classified as confidential. The amendment

- was voted on and there were 3 in favour and 9 against so the amendment fell. The main motion was voted on and there were 11 in favour and one against.
- (d) Cllr Williams and the Deputy Clerk had attended a meeting for the 1918 – 2018 Commemoration. Cllrs Williams and Moon are to meet with the British Legion and Cadet representative to discuss in more detail what type of commemorative memorial they have in mind.

C44 ANY OTHER INFORMATION

A stop notice had been issued on Persimmons at Mascalls Court Road. This situation requires monitoring. Cllr Williams advised that a resident survey on foul drainage problems comprising of around 600 questionnaires to houses plus an online version had been conducted. The response rate was just over 10 percent and it had established that the surcharging problems and over flows in gardens and the street were more widespread than had been realised or expected.

Wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Les Snowball.

C45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th August 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

CHAIRMAN