

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TETBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Held in the Council Chamber, Tetbury on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Chairman: The Mayor - Councillor Stephen Hirst

Councillors: S Ball, P Burrell, J Easterbrook, N Ind, C Morgan, I Maslin, K Painter, S Scotford, T Stevenson, A Walsh.

Officers: Town Clerk – Stephen Holley, Deputy Clerk – Tara Niblett

Public: PCSO Andy Biddell and four members of the Public

TC01. 12/17 Apologies for absence:

Received from Councillors Williams (Deputy Mayor), Edge and Lea

TC02. 12/17 Declarations of interest:

None

TC03. 12/17 Public Consultation:

(i) Mr Giles Preston provided the Council with an overview of the open meetings held at the Dolphins Hall regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum with 100 residents visiting the hall. Mr Preston provided the Council with a list of the 10 most frequent questions and asked whether the Q&A's could be displayed on the website or the Tetbury Advertiser. Mr Preston was thanked for all his hard work with organising mailshots, advertisements and drop in meetings.

(ii) The Mayor introduced Andy Biddell the new PCSO for the Tetbury area.

TC04. 12/17 Minutes – Meeting of the Council held on 27th November 2017:

Following a few minor amendments, it was proposed by Cllr Scotford, seconded Cllr Easterbrook that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27th November 2017 be APPROVED as a correct record.

TC05. 12/17 Funding Requests – St Mary's Church, disabled access:

Mr Keith Essam, Church Warden for St Mary's Church provided the Council with an overview. The Church had asked the Council to contribute in the region of £7,000 for the Centenary Commemoration of the end of the Great War and to assist with cost of a new disabled access to the main west entrance to St Mary's. Although a decision would not be made by the Council in this meeting, it was noted that the Town Council had contributed to the Church with wall repairs and could expect to undertake a tree management programme for the churchyard at some expense.

TC06 12/17 Budget and Precept for 2018/19 – Progress report and major projects:

The Town Clerk provided an overview and explained that, because of the amount of projects currently being discussed it was likely that the Precept would have to be increased. Discussion had started with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Dolphins Hall on how the Council could assist financially with the rebuild/renovation of the Dolphins Hall. It was important to move swiftly because, if the Management Committee waited for receipt of the S106 monies the £225,000 from the sale of the old Youth Club building could be lost due to the time restrictions. It was proposed by Cllr Stevenson, seconded Cllr Painter to support the principle of exploring the Dolphins Hall project further – voted 9 in favour, 3 abstentions.

TC07. 12/17 External Auditor's Report on the Accounts to 31st March 2017:

The Town Clerk provided an overview and the external auditors report was noted.

TC08. 12/17 Correspondence:

Following an injury on the Recreation Ground at a youth rugby match, Councillor Walsh had written (in his capacity as President of the Rugby Club and as the town's former GP) to the relevant authorities and to the local MP to complain about the delay in getting an ambulance to attend. Councillor Walsh had been informed that an enquiry would take place and he would be notified of the outcome in due course.

TC09. 12/17 Items for inclusion on future Agendas:

Providing public with Q&A sessions, possibility of making the Town meetings less formal.

TC10. 12/17 Date of next meeting of the Council – Monday 29th January 2018, 7pm

TC11. 12/17 Exclusion of the Public and Press

It was RESOLVED that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds it involved the likely disclosure of confidential information (as defined in paragraph (2) of Part I of Schedule 12A to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 [Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person]), and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

TC12. 12/17 Confidential minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th November 2017:

It was proposed by Cllr Scotford, seconded Cllr Maslin to approve the Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 27th November 2017. Record of Voting: 10 in favour, none against, 2 abstentions, 3 absent/apologies.

TC13. 12/17 Pre-School Provision – update:

A progress meeting was due to be held shortly. Members would be kept informed.

Note: the business covered by Minutes TC12. 12/17 and TC13.12/17 was considered in Closed Session for the reasons agreed in Minute TC11. 12/17, but the decisions in these Minutes are not Exempt/Confidential.

Meeting closed 8.10pm

Chairman Dated