

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 27th February 2019
7.30 p.m.

*Cllr Mrs J Lea (Mayor)
Cllr M Fitch
Cllr Mrs R Gadsby
*Cllr Mrs H Kane
*Cllr Miss J Lucas
*Cllr Mrs A Mitchell
Cllr Mrs S Stavrou
*Cllr A Watts (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Mrs E Webster
*Cllr S Yerrell

* Denotes Members present.

In attendance: Town Clerk

716/19. **Recording of Meetings:** The notice was duly read to the meeting.

717/19. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M Fitch, and Cllr Mrs Webster.

718/19 **Resignation:** It was noted with sadness that Mr Richard James has formally tendered his resignation with immediate effect. As elections are due to be held within the next six months there is no legal requirement to go through the co-option procedure. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr James thanking him for his service, and wishing him well for the future.

719/19. **Disclosure of Interest:** There were no disclosures of interest.

720/19. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 9th January 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

721/19. **Questions:** There were no questions from Members in pursuance of Standing Order number 10.

722/19. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.

723/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 9th January 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 9th January 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

724/19 **Policy and Resources Committee Minutes and Report dated 9th January 2019:** It was moved by Cllr A Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 9th January 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

725/19 **Tourist Information Centre Management Committee Minutes and Report dated 14th January 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Lea, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 14th January 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

726/19 **Licensed Bars Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 28th January 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs H Kane, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 28th January 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

727/19 **Town Promotions / Festivals Committee Minutes and Report dated 6th February 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED- THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 6th February 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

728/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 6th February 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 6th February 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

729/19 **Policy and Resources Committee Minutes and Report dated 6th February 2019:** It was moved by Cllr A Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 6th February 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

730/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 20th February 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT all the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 20th February 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

731/19 **Development and Environment Committee Minutes and Report dated 20th February 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 20th February 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

732/19 **Leisure and Community Committee Minutes and Report dated 20th February 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs H Kane, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 20th February 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

733/19 **Motions:** There were no Motions.

734/19 **Mayor’s Announcements, Correspondence and Engagements:**

The Mayor gave details of her forthcoming fund raising event “East meets West” at the Town Hall on 23rd March 2019. A visit had also been made to the Dementia home on Sewardstone Road.

735/19 **Report of the Town Clerk:** The Town Clerk’s report was duly noted.

736/19 **Quality Gold Status:** It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED - that the following documentation has been achieved: items 1 – 15 for Foundation Level, confirmed, minute reference: 271/18; items 24-33 for Quality Level confirmed, minute reference: 614/19; and items 42 and 43 for the Gold Level:

42. A business plan covering a financial forecast for at least three years linked to plans for the council and its community

43. An annual report, web material and at least four news bulletins a year containing evidence of:

- o engaging with diverse groups in the community using a variety of methods
- o community engagement leading to positive outcomes for the community
- o a broad range of council activities including innovative projects
- o co-operating constructively with other organisations

published on the Council’s web site.

And confirmed that the following (items 44-47) have been achieved.

44. Ensures that the Council meets value for money

45. Meets its duties in relation to bio-diversity and crime & disorder

46. Provides leadership in planning for the future of the community

47. Manages the performance of the council as a corporate body and of each individual staff member and councillor to achieve its business plan.

737/19 **Any Other Business:** a) The break-in at the Post Office was discussed. A letter in support of the Post Office and its full restitution is to be sent.

b) Litter in the front garden of the Cemetery Lodge was identified as being unsightly.

c) Litter around the Tesco site was discussed. The problem lies in who actually owns the land. Epping Forest District Council is investigating through Land Registry.

d) Questions had been raised regarding clearance of land adjacent to The Parklands. Cllr Mrs Kane updated the Council on the current situation regarding the Local Plan and the Examination in Public, also noting that it is the landowner’s decision to clear their land.

CLLR MRS JEANE LEA
CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

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