

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 31st July 2019
7.30 p.m.

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

* Denotes Members present.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Senior Assistant.

212/19. **Recording of Meetings:** The notice was duly read to the meeting.

213/19. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Yerrell, Fitch and Mrs Webster.

214/19. **Disclosure of Interest:** There were no disclosures of interest.

215/19 **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 18th June 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.

216/19. **Questions:** There were no questions from Members in pursuance of Standing Order number 10.

217/19. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.

218/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 1st May 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 1st May 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

219/19 **Town Promotions/Festivals Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 15th May 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 15th May 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

220/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 15th May 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 15th May 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

221/19 **Licensed Bars & Catering Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 28th May 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs H Kane, seconded and

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

222/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 29th May 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs S Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 29th May 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

223/19 **Policy and Resources Committee Minutes and Report dated 5th June 2019:** It was moved by Cllr A Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 5th June 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

224/19 **Town Promotions/Festivals Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 12th June 2019:** It was moved by Cllr R Holmes, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 12th June 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

225/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 12th June 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein, with a minor amendment, dated 12th June 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

226/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 26th June 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 26th June 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

227/19 **Licensed Bars and Catering Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 27th June 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Mrs H Kane, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 27th June 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

228/19 **Policy and Resources Committee Minutes and Report dated 3rd July 2019:**

It was moved by Cllr A Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 3rd July 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

229/19 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 10th July 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 10th July 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

230/19 **Leisure and Community Committee Minutes and Report dated 10th July 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 10th July 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

231/19 **Development and Environment Committee Minutes and Report dated 10th July 2019:** It was moved by Cllr Miss J Lucas, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 10th July 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

232/19 **Motions:** a) The Mayor moved and it was

RESOLVED - that from 1st August until the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Council, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader of Council and Deputy Leader of Council and the appropriate Committee Chairman in consultation with the Town Clerk be empowered to take urgent action and to instruct the Town Clerk accordingly.

233/19 **Mayor's Announcements, Correspondence and Engagements:**

The Mayor advised that he had been very busy, including the opening of a new funeral parlour, and that he attended the Town Show, a County Council Reception in company with the District Council Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Kane. It was also announced that the Civic Service will be on the 6th October in the Abbey Church.

234/19 **Report of the Town Clerk:** The Town Clerk's report was duly received, which included formal thanks to all staff and councillors involved in the Town Show.

235/19 **Climate Change Emergency:** Cllr Plummer introduced the discussion, and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Kane, seconded Cllr Watts and

RESOLVED - that: receipt of the two documents be noted; that there is agreement in principal to commit this Council to use its best endeavours to comply with the Government Policy of Carbon Neutral Council by 2030; that the Town Clerk be requested to provide the assessment of financial implications at the October Policy & Resources Committee meeting; and that the Town Clerk be requested to obtain the objective and impartial advice of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) of the implications of pursuing these objectives.

236/19 **Election of the Epping Forest Verderers:** Councillors noted the letter, and agreed that the Council is to be on the Register of Commons.

237/19 **Letter from Essex County Council:** The letter regarding roads in Epping Forest: Fairmead Road, Lodge Road and Queens Grove, and the application to downgrade from public roads to public bridleways was noted with no further comment.

238/19 **Town Hall Bench:** The Council discussed the report from the Senior Assistant. It was agreed that a report should be made to the new town centre Police officers, and that contact should be made with the family. The Senior Assistant is to report back to Policy & Resources Committee at its next meeting.

239/19 **Street Naming:** Councillors noted the name of the new development on Sewardstone Road (Tesco's car park) as being Lionheart Court.

240/19 **Any Other Business:** There was no other business

Cllr Plummer excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

241/19 **Exclusion of Press and Public:** It was moved by the chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and listed below, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

242/19 **Grant Aid Applications:** The Council received three grant applications and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – 1) that the Citizens Advice be invited to attend the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee to give an update of work, the grant decision being deferred until then;

2) that a grant be made of £250 towards the Waltham Abbey Arts Trail

3) that a grant be made of £304 to the Woodcraft Folk

243/19 **Request for Charity Event at Town Mead:** After some discussion it was agreed that it would be inappropriate for Town Mead to be used in this way, but the Mayor will be making a donation to the charity from the Mayor's Allowance.

CLLR A WATTS

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING