

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 26th February 2020
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.

707/20. **Recording of Meetings:** The notice was duly read to the meeting.

708/20. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr R Holmes, Cllr D Plummer, Cllr S Stavrou, and Cllr A Mitchell.

709/20. **Disclosure of Interest:** There were no disclosures of interest.

710/20 **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 8th January 2020 copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

711/20 **Questions:** There were no questions.

712/20. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.

713/20 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 8th January 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 8th January 2020 be received, approved and adopted.

- 714/20 **Policy and Resources Committee Minutes and Report dated 8th January 2020:**
It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and resolutions therein dated 8th January 2020 be received, approved and adopted.
- 715/20 **Tourist Information Centre Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 13th January 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, reports and recommendations therein dated 13th January 2020 be received, approved and adopted.
- 716/20 **Town Promotions/Festivals Committee Minutes and Report dated 22nd January 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 22nd January 2020 be received, approved and adopted.
- 717/20 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 22nd January 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report, recommendations and observations therein dated 22nd January 2020 be received, approved and adopted.
- 718/20 **Licensed Bars and Catering Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 29th January 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, report and recommendations therein dated 29th January 2020 be received, approved and adopted.
- 719/20 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 5th February 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, reports, recommendations and observations therein dated 19th February 2020 be received, approved and adopted.
- 720/20 **Policy and Resources Committee Minutes and Report dated 5th February 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and
- RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, reports and resolutions therein dated 5th February 2020 be received, approved and adopted.

721/20 **Planning and Licensing Subcommittee Minutes and Report dated 19th February 2020:** It was moved by the Mayor and

RESOLVED – THAT the minutes, reports, recommendations and observations therein dated 19th February 2020 be received, approved and adopted.

722/20 **Motions:** There were no motions.

723/20 **Mayor's Announcements, Correspondence and Engagements:**

The Mayor reported his most recent duties:

Saturday 21st December 2019-Best Dressed Window

Sunday 19th January 2020-Waltham Abbey Wool Show

Monday 27th January 2020-Holocaust Memorial Day – Epping Forest Museum

Friday 7th February 2020-"Baptism of the Bells" – Market Square

Tuesday 25th February 2020-Pancake Day Races

It was also reported that the Mayor planted the first of the Orchard trees, the Waltham Abbey Seedling, at Town Mead. There are several civic duties to undertake during the coming months. The Mayor also reported on research relating to Mr H.O. Larsen, (of Larsen's Park) as it will be 150th anniversary of his birth, and possible events. In August, it will be the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, and thought is to be given on how to commemorate this event. A suggestion of a tree planting was made.

724/20 **Report of the Town Clerk:** The Town Clerk's report was noted.

725/20 **Any Other Business:** Cllr Mrs Lea reported that a conversation had been held with the Police and Fire Commissioner regarding the Waltham Abbey Fire Station. It is understood that the current on-call status is being reviewed.

726/20 **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.

727/20 **Cemetery Extension:** This report was considered in conjunction with the agenda item on the Town Mead Depot. See minute below.

728/20 **Town Mead Depot:** In light of the two reports, it was moved by the Mayor and

RESOLVED – that the Leader of Council and the Town Clerk send a letter to the Leader of the District Council asking for a meeting to try and resolve these issues.

729/20 **Staffing:** The Town Clerk’s report was noted. A discussion was held regarding the way forward. It was moved by the Mayor and

RESOLVED – that one candidate be asked to attend for a second interview, with the full council, at a date to be determined as soon as possible.

CLLR A WATTS

MAYOR