

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**  
**7.30 p.m.**

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

\* Denotes Members present.

In attendance: Town Clerk

**Councillors had a minute's silence and shared fond memories in remembrance of a dearly departed friend and Councillor Mrs Syd Stavrou.**

874/20. **Recording of Meetings:** The notice was duly read to the meeting.

875/20. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies for absence

876/20. **Disclosure of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr Mrs H Kane	3Food4U	Non-Pecuniary	Worked on various committees with Pesh	Remained
Cllr Mrs J Lea	3Food4U	Pecuniary	Personal use of the Community Hub and has worked on committees with Pesh	Remained

877/20 **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Mayor.

878/20. **Questions:** There were no questions from Members in pursuance of Standing Order number 10.

879/20. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.

880/20 **Minutes and Reports:** It was moved by the Chairman en mass and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes, Resolutions, Recommendations and Observations therein below, be approved and adopted

Leisure & Community Committee	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Development & Environment Committee	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Policy & Resources Committee	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Planning and Licensing Subcommittee	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020

881/20 **Motions:** a)The Mayor to move that from 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 until the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Council, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader of Council, Deputy Leader of Council and the appropriate Committee Chairman in consultation with the Town Clerk be empowered to take any urgent action and to instruct the Town Clerk accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the vacation powers will act until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

882/20 **Mayor's Announcements, Correspondence and Engagements:**

The Mayor attended the Essex County Council Civic Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and Waltham Abbey Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March for a Service to welcome the new vicar who is covering Upshire and High Beech Churches. Flowers were sent to a Mrs Levy who lives on Breach Barns Park and celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Also on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August @ 11am the Mayor formally opened the Royal Artisan Bakery in Sun Street

883/20 **Report of the Town Clerk:** The Report was duly noted

884/20 **Vandalism at Town Mead Baseball Diamond:** To receive the Town Clerk's report. (Enc.2)

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to the fencing repair works, CCTV installation and digging works be completed as a Capital Outlay. The Town Clerk will also investigate if any of these works can be covered by Insurance.

885/20 **Meetings:** To discuss resuming meetings via zoom from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Leader and the Town Clerk will put a plan in place for Zoom and Hybrid Zoom/Face to Face meetings to start from September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

- 886/20 **Any Other Business:** For discussion only.
- Possible uses for MAGA pitch which include a fully funded BMX track and an Archery School.  
Request from Samantha Churchill regarding use of Town Mead/Town Hall.
- 887/20 **Exclusion of Press and Public:** (if required) To consider that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.
- 888/20 **Community Hub:** To receive an update from the Town Clerk (Enc.3)
- RESOLVED: That the Council agrees to funding the lease of a shop in Sun Street for 3food4u to use as a storage and distribution centre for 6 months only at a cost of £6,000. Leader to contact 3food4u to make the offer.  
6 Votes for, 3 votes against
- 889/20 **Electricity Renewals:** To receive an update from the Town Clerk (Enc.4)
- RESOLVED: That the Council has authorised the Town Clerk to secure green energy through British Gas for a term of 3 years.
- 890/20 **Town Mead Report:** To receive the Town Clerk's report. (To be tabled).
- RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will provide an update on possible local security costs at the next ordinary meeting. It was agreed that the Council should not endorse "community groups" due to the possible personal risks that may face individuals, at the advice of the Police.
- 891/20 **ECC Discretionary Funding:** To discuss WATC and Town Partnership use of funds to market Waltham Abbey and agree additional Town Council funding.
- RESOLVED: That the Council will fund £2,000 towards bus advertising for the town, working together with the Town Partnership. 9 Votes for, 1 vote against.

**CLLR A WATTS**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**