

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2022, commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

PRESENT: Councillors F. Nicol(Chair), M. Craggs, M. Dyer, P. Eastwood, J. Fowler, E. Mather, P. Stokes
And D. Willock.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor R. Manchester and G F Smith(Clerk).

169/22 APOLOGIES

The Clerk read out an e-mail from Councillor T. Batson giving his apologies for not attending the meeting(medical reasons) and a number of comments regarding Standards and the proposed election of the Vice Chairman.

Councillors T. Ball, C. Batson also gave apologies for this meeting.

170/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in agenda item No.11 Tow Law Community Association.

Councillors Craggs, Nicol and Wiicock declared an interest in agenda item no 11 Tow Law Community Association and item 12 Tow Law Food Bank.

Councillor Willock also declared an interest in agenda items 21 Seats and item 26 Refuse Collection in Tow Law.

171/22 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2022

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

171/22 ACTION LIST

The Action List was circulated to all Councillors, Members agreed to update the list.

173/22 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Members agreed to postpone a decision on this matter until after the Councillor Training session on 20th July 2022 and for the item to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the Council Meeting in September.

Councillor Stokes voted against this proposition.

Signed.....Chairman

174/22 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The closing date for a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is Thursday 21st July 2022. Clerk to report to the September meeting.

175/22 COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk read out a letter from Durham Hospitals Radio to request a grant to support the organisation. Members requested more information and discuss the application at the next Town Council meeting.

176/22 JOINT REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIR

The Chair and Members discussed the ongoing problem of ASB in Tw Law.

177/22 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he was in discussion with a Development Service Advisor at Northumbrian Water regarding the application for a service connection sent to the office in December 2021, discussions are still ongoing.

Councillor Mather informed the meeting of a discussion she had with the contractor for the supply of the gate post at Ridley Terrace allotment site, discussions are still ongoing.

178/22 LAND REAR OF HIGH STREET, TOW LAW

Councillor Stokes raised the following:-

- Planning Application and Fees
- Members approved for the first round of works to commence as soon as possible.

179/22 TOW LAW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Proposed grant to be discussed in September(Clerk to provide financial details).

Review of Rents and Room Hire under discussion by the Committee.

180/22 TOW LAW FOOD BANK

Councillor Nicol reported that the Food Bank was still very busy.

Signed.....Chairman

181/22 POLICE/PACT/SPEEDWATCH REPORTS

PACT meeting dates:-

19th August, 16th September, 21st October, 11th December 2022, 20th January and 17th February 2023.

Commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

Speedwatch (12th July 2022):-

Bridge Street(van) 73 vehicles, 0 speeding,Wolsingham road (matrix) 16 vehicles 4 speeding; Dans Castle to Darlington 74 vehicles 0 speeding; Darlington to Tow Law 77 vehicles 4 speeding; Smith Street, Cornsay to Tow Law (van) 23 vehicles 0 speeding, Smith Street, Tow Law to Cornsay (matrix) 26 vehicles 4 speeding.

182/22 SECTION 106 ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

Awaiting quotation from contractors.

183/22 FACEBOOK – No update.

184/22 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Manchester reported on Weardale Crescent/Coronation Avenue complaints regarding gardens.

185/22 REPRESENTATION BY RESIDENTS – None.

186/22 BANK ACCOUNT (ONLINE BANKING)

Councillor T. Batson still unwell, he would meet up with the Clerk next week, Clerk to report any progress to the September meeting.

187/22 PLANNING MATTERS

a)Planning Application DM/22/01707/FPA by Mrs P. McDermott for entrance porch to front of dwelling, raise flat roof to side of dwelling and off street vehicle hardstanding and drop kerb to highway at Windy Ridge, Grove Road, Tow Law.

DECISION – No objections

b)NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING – No update.

188/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Vouchers 18 to 26 amounting to £5102.54; to be paid.

Signed.....Chairman

189/22 SEATS

Councillor Willock update the meeting on progress of this report. The Chair to supply him with a report of the levelling up items.

190/22 CCTV IN TOW LAW

Clerk to provide details to all Councillors as soon as possible.

191/22 TOW LAW MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Stokes to meet with contractors.

192/22 BEE HIVE COKE OVENS

- Repairs to Information Board (details received from County Councillor Manchester).
- Councillors Stokes/Fowler to contact the contractor regarding treatment of the Gorse plants.
- Clerk to contact Historical England regarding possible funding for the site.
- Clerk to contact Grass cutting contractor.

193/22 PLAY AREAS IN TOW LAW – No update

194/22 REFUSE COLLECTION IN TOW LAW

Councillor Willock to report to the next Town Council meeting.

195/22 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk produced an Expenditure Report 1/4/22 to 30/6/2022 TOTAL £9440.38.

List of Councillors (as at 21st June 2022), copy placed on the Councils web site and notice boards.

196/22 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Dyer – Bus service (Tow Law to Consett)

Councillor Fowler – Speeding (additional visors)

Councillor Stokes – Ex phone Box High Street?

197/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th September 2022

Meeting finished at 7.55pm

Signed.....Chairman