



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM.

Membership: Councillors J. Ling (Committee Chairman), Mrs P. Furness (Deputy Mayor), S. Bowman, D. Wallace (Town Mayor), Mrs S. Coote, G. Bonner & Mrs J. Danagher.

Present: Councillors Mrs J. Danagher, S. Bowman, D. Wallace, J. Ling & Mrs P. Furness.

Officer in attendance: Jill Jones - Town Clerk

Also present: Cllr G. Waite.

240. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Councillor Bonner.

241. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NOTICE OF ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

No declarations.

242. TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN (INFORMATION ONLY).

The Chairman reported that grant requests are included later in the agenda as are Highways issues.

243. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2022.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes are a true record, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

244. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAYS INCLUDING ANY UPDATES ON THE ATF WORKS IN LONDON ROAD.

It was reported that London Road will be open via a 3 way traffic light system from Saturday to Monday to facilitate The Service of Remembrance, this will be publicised on social media.

It was reported that works has now started and complaints have lessened. Highways have accepted that they were incorrect regarding the access joining Ólvega Drive and Crouch Gardens, this access will not now be used.

London Road will be open from 4th December through to the New Year.

245. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANOR HOUSE.

The Clerk reported that the carpet in the chamber has been cleaned. The contractor indicated that he could clean the chairs at a cost of £10 per chair (30 in total) but in his opinion they did not need cleaning. It was agreed to try and remove the stains on two of the chairs and review cleaning the chairs at a later date.

It was agreed to continue to look at the security report produced some time ago.

Councillor Ling and Councillor Mrs Furness agreed to form a working group to look at the Manor House.

246. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE SETH WARD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Councillor Waite reported that he has received a quote from LSS for a replacement staircase. Alpha Ironworks will provide a cost to strip the staircase to bare metal and repair and paint. They have also suggested that the platform at the top of the stairs is changed to a perforated plate and change the treads. Also a company in Bedfordshire will provide a quote for replacement. It was agreed to include this on the next Council agenda.

247. TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT REQUESTS RECEIVED.

Councillors discussed a grant request from Community Initiative for a wellbeing class to be held in Hormead . Councillors felt unable to fund an activity being held outside of the town boundary.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That this Council refuse the grant request of £275 from Community Initiative for a wellbeing event to be held in Hormead.

248. SECOND CONSIDATION OF 2023/2024 BUDGET

The Clerk explained that the new salary scales have been published. This will have an impact on the current budget and also the draft 23/24 budget. The increase is likely to be in the region of £7,800 per annum. As the scales had only been released that day there had been no time to incorporate into the budget under review. Hopefully when the December meeting is held the tax base figure will be published and this can be taken into account alongside the new salary rates. Councillor Mrs Furness asked if the rents on the Manor House are to be increased to reflect rising energy costs. The Clerk responded that this can only be done when the current leases expire, currently a 3% increase is written in. It was agreed to monitor energy costs.

249. S106 OUTDOOR SPORTS - REPORT

Councillor Wallace reported that there is still no news of the pump track planning application. Works to the Hare Street Road Play area will commence on Monday and will take 2 - 3 weeks. Nearby residents have been letter dropped. A dead tree has been removed from the field, which gives rise to an access to the field.

250. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

The Chairman stated that the group had not met for some time. There had been no volunteers to join the association representing the Council.

251. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY.

No recent meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.37

Next meeting: Thursday 8th December 7.30pm at The Manor House.