



**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 9TH
FEBRUARY 2023 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 (Deputy Committee Chairman) & Mrs J. Danagher.

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

Officer in attendance: Jill Jones (Town Clerk), Alex Georgiou (Admin Officer)

Also present: Councillor G. Waite

In the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy-Chairman and following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor D. Wallace be appointed Chairman of the meeting

399. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Councillors J. Ling, G. Bonner, Mrs S. Coote & S, Bowman.

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

None.

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

Nothing to report.

402. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2023.

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.

403. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

It was noted there has been a lot of issues with pot holes in the town in recent weeks. There is also still ongoing issues with Ermine Street / Neale Drive. The Active Travel Fund Scheme on London Road is still ongoing.

It was noted that a resident has been in contact with County Councillor Jones regarding an issue with a proposed zebra crossing outside their property on London Road.

It was reported that the 20s plenty campaign have recently undertaken speed checks and will do more in the near future.

It was noted that there is a large pothole emerging on the A10 roundabout.

404. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANOR HOUSE INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF QUOTES TO RE-FIT KITCHEN (IF AVAILABLE).

Two quotes have been received to re-fit the kitchen. It was noted that the quotes differ substantially in price. There is no movement on the more expensive quote.

It was agreed that the kitchen does need doing, however it was agreed that the electrics should be looked at first.

The Clerk is meeting with one of the tenants soon to discuss their room. It is unsure if they want to continue renting. If the tenant no longer requires the room, the Clerk would like the Council to

consider keeping the room empty, to be used as another meeting room as the Council are doing more events in the Council Chamber. This will go to Council in the future if the tenant decided that they no longer want to room.

405. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE SETH WARD COMMUNITY CENTRE INCLUDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF QUOTE FOR REPLACEMENT REAR STAIRCASE.

It was reported that the Company that was due to undertake the work on the staircase is not VAT registered, this means the quote that the Council accepted will be £3129.33 more expensive than initially thought.

There were concerns that this issue has been going on for some time and the work needs to be done.

It was suggested that the work should only be started if it can be completed before the Coronation event on 7th May 2023. If this is not possible then the works will have to be undertaken after the event.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That this Council accept the additional cost of £3129.33 for the replacement of the rear staircase.

406. TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT REQUESTS RECEIVED

No requests.

The Council received a thank you from the exercise class that it recently gave a grant to.

407. S106 OUTDOOR SPORTS - REPORT

It was reported that work has started on the installation of the pump track.

The work at Hare Street Road Playing Field was partly funded by S106 money, the Council are retaining 10% of the final fee until the grass is looked at in March and any necessary reinstatement works is completed. There is also a step-up platform to be installed on the zip-line.

The application for the 3G pitch has been submitted.

408. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

Not present, no update.

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

Not present, no update.

Councillor Waite reported that he had received a phone call from a woman who runs a local history group, she is in the process of putting together some information about the shops in the High Street over the years. The group would like to hold an exhibition in the Council Chamber in September and may want to apply for a grant.

It was suggested that they contact the Council with dates and times and submit a grant application.

Meeting closed 20:05

Next meeting: Thursday 9th March 2023 7.30pm at The Manor House.