



# Hadleigh Town Council

## TOWN MATTERS COMMITTEE

Thursday 25<sup>26h</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm via videoconference.

### MINUTES

<b>1: Opening</b>	<p>Attending: Cllr F.Minns (Chair incoming), Cllr C. Cammack, Cllr L. Gordon, Cllr S. Allman, Cllr G. Talbot (Chair outgoing), Cllr A. Gregg. Also in attendance: Town Council Manager, and 6 members of the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The Chair welcomed people to the meeting and stated that in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and Councillors were allowed to film, record, photograph and use social media to report on the proceedings of the meeting. It was confirmed that the meeting would be recorded.</li><li>b) No apologies for absence were received</li><li>c) Cllr Minns declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9c) as he knows the applicant personally. Councillor Talbot declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 as he is on the skatepark committee.</li><li>d) No Consideration of requests for dispensations were received.</li></ul>
<b>2: Public Forum</b>	<p>15 minute session. Maximum 3 minutes per person. Members of the public should not be involved in the decision-making of the Council in subsequent agenda items unless expressly invited to do so by the Chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) A member of the public asked that cycling provision would be taken in to account in future strategies such as the Hadleigh Vision and Neighbourhood Plan. That Hadleigh could become a destination for tourists and visitors and is well placed to be a hub for the wider area</li><li>b) A member of the public enquired why planning applications were being considered at Town Matters Committee not by Planning Advisory Committee. It was heard that as the schedule of meetings has only just resumed following lockdown, and that the application consultation dates were close, the chairs of this committee and planning committee had agreed to have these matters on the agenda.</li><li>c) A member of the public stated that cycling had become much more popular over the lockdown and that the cycling club promoting "cycling for all" are seeking more cycle parking provision at destinations, and had produced local cycling guides. To promote inclusive cycling the promotional slogan is JUST RIDE.</li></ul>
<b>3: Minutes</b>	<p><b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot, Seconded by Councillor Cammack the Minutes of the Town Matters Committee meeting from 6 February 2020 were unanimously agreed.</b></p>
<b>4: Chair of Town Matters Committee</b>	<p><b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot, Seconded by Councillor Gordon and unanimously agreed, Councillor Frankl Minns was elected as the new chair of Town Matters Committee for 2020/21.</b> Councillor Minns chaired the meeting hereafter.</p>
<b>5: Climate change action (Cllr Talbot)</b>	<p>The committee heard that the item was brought by Cllr Talbot on behalf of the Councillors on the Climate Change Working Group that had met previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) <b>Proposed by Councillor Gregg and Seconded by Councillor Allman, it was unanimously agreed to liaise and arrange a meeting with Babergh District and Suffolk County Councils regarding management of open spaces by them and to promote a greater emphasis in biodiversity to make them more beneficial to wildlife and plant life.</b></li><li>b) <b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor</b></li></ul>



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	<p><b>Minns, it was agreed to cease immediately the use of insecticides, pesticides and herbicides, especially glyphosphate herbicides within the Town Council's managed land and implement alternative natural methods of weed and pest control.</b> For: Minns, Allman, Cammack, Gordon, Talbot. Abstain: Gregg</p> <p><b>c) Proposed by Councillor Gregg and Seconded by Councillor Minns it was unanimously agreed to amend the motion. Proposed by Councillor Gregg and Seconded by Councillor Minns it was unanimously agreed to set up a Cycling Working Group to investigate the promotion of cycling and cycling infrastructure improvements. The Working Group would include Hadleigh Cycling Club and any other interested individuals or organisations.</b> Councillor Gregg would chair the Working Group which would bring specific proposals to Council.</p> <p><b>d) It was heard that the Council has energy contracts to 2024. Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor Gordon it was agreed to amend the motion.</b> For: Allman, Minns, Gordon, Talbot, Cammack. Abstain: Gregg. <b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor Gordon it was agreed to explore the possibility to change energy tariff or supplier to a green renewable tariff.</b> For: Allman, Minns, Gordon, Talbot, Cammack. Abstain: Gregg.</p> <p><b>e) Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor Minns it was agreed to amend the motion.</b> For: Allman, Minns, Gordon, Talbot, Cammack. Against: Gregg. <b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor Allman it was agreed to seek quotes from suitable organisations to advise on suitable locations for installing nesting boxes. Proposals would be brought to Council for a decision.</b> For: Allman, Minns, Gordon, Talbot, Cammack. Against: Gregg.</p>
<b>6: Youth Council</b> (Cllr Gordon)	<p>a) The update report was <b>noted</b>.</p> <p>b) It was <b>noted</b> that actions would begin with the Youth Strategy Working Group and updates will follow periodically.</p>
<b>7: Community Engagement</b> (Cllr Talbot)	<p>Councillors heard that the item is a policy that would normally be considered by Council matters Committee, but the topic of community engagement is a Town matters Committee subject. Accordingly, this committee would consider the item and suggest improvements, but could not adopt the policy on behalf of the Council. It was suggested that the Council's newly-proposed drop-in surgeries should be included, and that the Town Council should try to be involved formally in all town events. It was suggested that the Council should consider whether to put meeting minutes in the Hadleigh Community news. <b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor Gordon the revised Community Engagement Policy was agreed.</b> For: Allman, Minns, Gordon, Talbot, Cammack. Abstain: Gregg.</p>
<b>8: Skate park planning application</b> (TCM)	<p>The committee <b>noted</b> that the planning application (DC/20/01489) for a skatepark extension has been approved with conditions.</p> <p>Councillors also heard that instances of anti-social behavior at the skate park is rising – and that discussion with BDC is already underway to repair the gate which may curb some of the activities. Anti-social behavior is not confined just to that location however and the Council has already begun a project around supporting a youth worker, improving CCTV and other measures to curb such behavior.</p>
<b>9: Planning</b>	<p>Councillor Greg left the meeting at 8.40pm. The chair stated that item c)</p>



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applications (TCM)	<p>should be considered first to enable the meeting to remain quorate. Councillor Minns left the meeting at 8.40pm.</p> <p>c) Councillors considered the item <b>DC/20/02108</b> Change of use of dwelling use class C3 to use class D2 leisure use including Concert Hall <b>Location:</b> The Old School, 3-5 Bridge Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6BY. <b>Proposed by Councillor Talbot and Seconded by Councillor Cammack it was unanimously agreed to make no comment on the application.</b></p> <p>Councillor Minns returned to the meeting, and Councillor Gordon left the meeting feeling unwell, at 8.42pm.</p> <p>a) Councillors considered the item <b>DC/20/02067</b> Erection of rear first floor extension and erection of single storey garage to front of dwelling. <b>Location:</b> 19 Yeoman Way, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 5HW, noting the concerns of neighbours. <b>Proposed by Councillor Minns and Seconded by Councillor Cammack it was unanimously agreed to make no comment on the application.</b></p> <p>b) Councillors considered the item <b>DC/20/02102</b> Change of Use of agricultural land to equine use and construction of menage. <b>Location:</b> Carringtons, Pond Hall Road, Hadleigh, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 5PQ, noting the concerns of Babergh District Council. <b>Proposed by Councillor Minns and Seconded by Councillor Allman it was unanimously agreed to make no comment on the application.</b></p> <p>d) Councillors considered the item <b>DC/20/02401</b> Erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of garage) <b>Location:</b> 51 Stockton Close, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 5SH. <b>Proposed by Councillor Allman and Seconded by Councillor Talbot it was unanimously agreed to make no comment on the application.</b></p> <p>e) and f) Councillors considered jointly the items <b>DC/20/02378</b> Erection of fencing to the West elevation and repair of the existing brick wall and <b>DC/20/02379</b> Listed Building Consent. Erection of fencing to the West elevation and repair of the existing brick wall <b>Location:</b> The Cock Inn, 89 George Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 5BP, as the applications relate to the same development. <b>Proposed by Councillor Minns and Seconded by Councillor Cammack it was unanimously agreed to make no comment on the applications.</b></p>
10: Future Meetings	It was confirmed that the next Town Matters Committee meeting will be on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 via videoconference.
Close of meeting	The meeting closed at 8:48pm

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