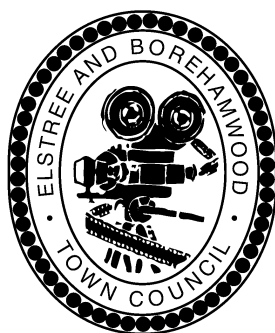


ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Town Council Offices, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present:

- Cllr Mrs F Turner - Elstree (Town Mayor)
- Cllr Mrs S Parnell – Hillside (Deputy Mayor)
- Cllr C Butchins – Hillside
- Cllr R Butler - Cowley Hill
- Cllr R Challice - Shenley Road
- Cllr A Collins - Cowley Hill
- Cllr V Eni – Brookmeadow [Minutes 28 – 36]
- Cllr P Kaza - Kenilworth South
- Cllr J Newmark - Kenilworth South
- Cllr Mrs P Strack – Hillside
- Cllr S Rubner – Brookmeadow
- Cllr M Vince - Cowley Hill

In Attendance:

- 4 Members of the Public
- D Salter – Entertainments Officer
- H Jones – Town Clerk

Prior to the meeting commencing, the Town Mayor made an announcement concerning the evacuation of refugees from Afghanistan, commenting that Hertsmere welcomed those who were in desperate need, and she applauded the efforts of all those who helped to deliver aid and support to vulnerable groups.

28. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Lawrence (Covid self-isolation).

29. DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

30. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2021 be signed by the Mayor as a true record and adopted by the Council; and
- (ii) the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 July 2021 be signed by the Mayor as a true record and adopted by the Council (with minor amendments in respect of reasons for apologies at Minute 23 to reflect Cllr C Butchins (Family Member Health related) and Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Health Related)).

31. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Town Clerk advised that when calculating expenditure for Local Authorities that this was done without adding the reclaimable VAT element for the purposes of the Financial Regulations (e.g. Tender thresholds) and it was agreed that clarification would be sought from HAPTC and NALC.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

the payment of accounts be confirmed as follows:

		2020/21	
Page	Vch.	Date	Amount
1	48-61	04/06/21	£ 4,735.79
2	62-75	17/06/21	£ 31,679.65
3-4	76-97	06/07/21	£ 87,905.67
5-6	98-117	02/08/21	£ 33,145.78
		Grand Total	£ 157,466.89

[In addition to the Agenda appendices, details of all payments over £500 are published on the Town Council's website for public inspection - www.elstreborehamwood-tc.gov.uk]

32. SIGNED MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Full Council agendas be prepared without hard copies of "Signed Minutes" (other than Full Council Minutes) where these were available for inspection by Members on the Town Council's website (with the agenda referring the reader to the relevant online link); and

- (ii) the following Committee signed Minutes be adopted and included in the Council Minute Book:

Entertainments Committee:

4 February 2020
10 March 2020
2 June 2020
4 July 2020
4 August 2020
1 September 2020
6 October 2020
3 November 2020
2 February 2021
2 March 2021
30 March 2021

Environment and Planning Committee

18 February 2020
17 March 2020
15 September 2020
20 October 2020
16 March 2021

General Management Committee

6 February 2020
23 July 2020
15 October 2020
11 January 2021
4 February 2021
22 April 2021

Transport and Road Safety Forum

19 February 2020
21 October 2020

Community Safety Meeting (CSM)

4 December 2019
30 September 2020

Youth Council

11 March 2020
14 October 2020
10 December 2020
6 January 2021
24 February 2021

33. ANNUAL RETURN 2020/21

It was noted that at the time of agenda publication, the 2020/21 Annual Return had not been returned to the Town Council by the External Auditors and would, therefore, be submitted to Full Council on 24 November 2021.

34. OUTSIDE BODIES

Fairway Hall

The revised Fairway Hall Regular Bookings schedule was noted together with hours of use since the previous Full Council on 23 June 2021:

Charity	21 hours
Children's Groups	20 hours
Community	23 hours
Council	32 hours
Fitness Classes	10 hours
Private Functions	15 hours

It was noted that the Council's Health and Safety Consultants were scheduled to inspect the floor on 6 September 2021.

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum Group

Cllr A Collins reported that the Covid 19 restrictions had been lifted from the Museum and that "life was returning to normal." The static display had reopened, and other facilities were scheduled to do so on 4 September 2021. He thanked all of the volunteers and trustees, thanks shared by all Town Councillors, for all of their efforts and looked forward to a positive future for the service.

Elstree, Borehamwood and District Community Association

Cllr Mrs S Parnell provided a report from EBDCA which included:

- note that most regular hirers had returned to Allum Hall;
- initial Vaccination Centres closing (but anticipate hosting for Booster Vaccines);
- 1,000 visits from District Nurses using Allum Hall as base (with Patient Assessment centre located in carpark due to run to the end of December 2021).

Aldenham Country Park

Cllr Mrs P Strack reported that the group was scheduled to meet in the week but had not met since the previous Full Council meeting.

First Impressions Group

Cllr Mrs S Parnell reported that First Impressions had carried out forecourt planting at Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station. Concerns were raised by some Members regarding the Passenger Benefit Fund and that despite the Town Council's involvement in the public consultation process, there was little evidence of the scheme providing positive and value for money benefits to the station or to the wider community. It was hoped that an update report and further dialogue could take place to seek to ensure that the project had meaningful results. It was noted that, updates were provided by First Impressions representatives at the Town Council organised Transport and Community Safety Forum meetings. Cllr A Collins provided an update on recent assistance he had provided in resolving a problem at the station with a leaking roof, causing flooding of the toilets and other areas of the forecourt.

35. OUTSTANDING APPOINTMENTS

(i) International Affairs Sub-Committee

Cllr R Butler announced that the two Labour Group Representatives on the International Affairs Sub-Committee for 2021/22 were:

Cllr A Collins
Cllr J Newmark

Cllr J Newmark proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr R Butler, for Joint Chairs of the Sub-Committee (one from each political party – Cllr J Newmark and Cllr P Strack) and for a first meeting to be called by them. The motion Fell with 6 voting in favour, 6 against and the Mayor's casting vote was against.

It was, therefore, noted that the Membership of the International Affairs Sub-Committee for 2021/22 was:

Cllr Mrs P Strack (Chair)
Cllr Mrs S Parnell
Cllr C Butchins
Cllr J Newmark
Cllr A Collins

Cllr J Newmark proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr R Butler, that the first meeting be held within the next 30 days. Cllr M Vince requested a recorded vote. The motion Fell with 6 in favour 6 against and the Mayor's casting vote was against.

Cllr Mrs F Turner - Elstree (Town Mayor) AGAINST / CASTING VOTE AGAINST
Cllr Mrs S Parnell – Hillside (Deputy Mayor) AGAINST
Cllr C Butchins – Hillside AGAINST
Cllr R Butler - Cowley Hill FOR
Cllr R Challice - Shenley Road FOR
Cllr A Collins - Cowley Hill FOR
Cllr V Eni – Brookmeadow AGAINST

Cllr P Kaza - Kenilworth South FOR
Cllr J Newmark - Kenilworth South FOR
Cllr Mrs P Strack – Hillside AGAINST
Cllr S Rubner – Brookmeadow AGAINST
Cllr M Vince - Cowley Hill FOR

(ii) Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group

Cllr R Butler announced that the Labour Group Representative on the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group for 2021/22 was Cllr R Challice.

Cllr Mrs P Strack announced that the Conservative Group Representative on the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group for 2021/22 was Cllr C Butchins.

36. FILMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was noted that the Entertainments Officer was acting as the cameraman for the 6 month trial period of recording Full Council and General Management Committee meetings (live streamed and recorded on the Town Council’s YouTube channel). It was further noted that GMC would consider proposals at a later date for a hybrid video recording system (similar to that used by Hertsmere Borough Council) at a later date and subject to the legislation being in place for this type of meeting to take place at Parish and Town Councils (i.e. with Members able to vote despite not being physically present in the same room).

37. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTION TIME

Question on Council Services/Projects

The “Ruling Administration” was asked whether it was “proud” of the China Twining project, failing to deliver Families Day, the Band Stand and “walking out” on a meeting on NHS provision. Cllr Mrs P Strack responded stating that she was proud of the Council’s services (despite the challenges of Covid-19) and clarified her position on the meeting where the NHS item was discussed, namely that she understood that the meeting had been concluded.

Cllr V Eni left the meeting.

Cllr J Newmark proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr M Vince, without notice to suspend Standing Orders to condemn Hertsmere Borough Council for failing to respond to the Town Council’s letter of 19 August 2021 on NHS GP provision in Borehamwood. The motion was Carried as set out below. Cllr J Newmark proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr R Butler (who also requested a recorded vote), that was Carried as set out below.

Cllr Mrs F Turner - Elstree (Town Mayor) AGAINST
Cllr Mrs S Parnell – Hillside (Deputy Mayor) AGAINST

Cllr C Butchins – Hillside AGAINST
Cllr R Butler - Cowley Hill FOR
Cllr R Challice - Shenley Road FOR
Cllr A Collins - Cowley Hill FOR
Cllr P Kaza - Kenilworth South FOR
Cllr J Newmark - Kenilworth South FOR
Cllr Mrs P Strack – Hillside AGAINST
Cllr S Rubner – Brookmeadow AGAINST
Cllr M Vince - Cowley Hill FOR

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) **Standing Orders be suspended (in order to make Resolution 37. (ii) below); and**
- (ii) ***“this Council condemns Hertsmere Borough Council for its lack of action on NHS provision in this town and its failure to respond to a recent letter from this Town Council.”***

NHS GP Provision in Borehamwood

Representations were made by a Member of the Public in support of the Resolution at Minute 37(ii) above – citing a need for additional GP provision and patient dissatisfaction with waiting times at GP surgeries locally and the approach of Hertsmere Borough Council in addressing the problem.

Sustainable Transport Sub-Committee

Cllr J Newmark proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr M Vince, without notice to suspend Standing Orders to extend the 15 minute Public Participation period to hear a question from the Youth Council.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (iii) **Standing Orders be suspended (in order to make Resolution 37. (iv) below); and**
- (iv) **the Public Participation section of the agenda be extended to hear a question from the Youth Council.**

Youth Council representatives queried the date of the first meeting of the Sustainable Transport Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee Chair, Cllr J Newmark, informed the meeting that the first meeting would occur shortly and that the timing of the meeting would allow Hertsmere Borough Council Officers to provide a full briefing on cycle lanes, the proposed cycle scheme and the proposed shared car initiative. It was noted that the s.106 agreement with Sky Studios had been agreed and that the newly appointed Climate Change Officer of Hertsmere Borough Council would be in attendance.

38. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 9.36pm.

It was noted that the next meeting of Full Council was scheduled for Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.30 pm at Fairway Hall.

Date:.....MAYOR.....