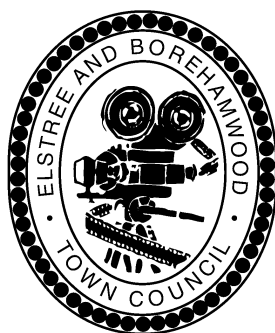


ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Town Council Offices, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 19 January 2022 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
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:

Cllr Rabbi A Plancey – HBC
Cllr B Rosehill – HBC
Cllr D Ozarow – HBC
3 Members of the Public
D Salter – EBTC Entertainments Officer
H Jones – EBTC Town Clerk and RFO

Holocaust Memorial Day: Thursday 27 January 2022

By invitation from the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs F Turner, prior to the meeting commencing, Cllr Rabbi A Plancey made an address to those present about the forthcoming Holocaust Memorial Day.

He emphasised the importance of learning and moving forwards and remembering the fifteen million people murdered in the Holocaust and in other acts of Genocide.

The Mayor was invited to light a candle of remembrance for the Souls of the Departed. The light symbolised the bringing in of Love, Harmony and Respect.

The address concluded with Cllr Rabbi Plancey making a blessing on all those present.

56. APOLOGIES

There were none.

Cllr S Lawrence was absent.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of Councillors' interests were made:

Committee Member	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
Cllr J Newmark	67. Honorary Freemen / Freewomen	Other

58. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that:

the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 November 2021 be signed by the Mayor as a true record and adopted by the Council.

59. FINANCE BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND REPORT 2022/23

Recorded Vote:

Cllr Mrs F Turner (Town Mayor)	For / Casting vote For
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Deputy Mayor)	For
Cllr C Butchins	For
Cllr R Butler	Against
Cllr R Challice	Against
Cllr A Collins	Against
Cllr V Eni	For
Cllr P Kaza	Against
Cllr J Newmark	Against
Cllr Mrs P Strack	For
Cllr S Rubner	For
Cllr M Vince	Against

Voting 6 in favour and 6 against, with the Mayor's casting vote in favour, the following motion proposed by Cllr Mrs S Parnell and seconded by Cllr Rubner was CARRIED:

the Town Council Budget for 2022/23 be amended to reflect four, not three, copies of the Town Crier being produced in the Municipal Year with the following changes taking place to the headings:

<i>405 Town News</i>		<i>Budget Before Council Members on Agenda</i>		<i>Amendment to Budget Agreed by Vote</i>	
<i>4581</i>	<i>Town Crier Adverts</i>	<i>2,250</i>		<i>3,000</i>	
<i>Income</i>		<i>2,250</i>		<i>3,000</i>	
<i>4566</i>	<i>Town Crier Production</i>		<i>17,250</i>		<i>25,500</i>
<i>4568</i>	<i>Town Crier Distribution</i>		<i>3,150</i>		<i>4,200</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>20,400</i>		<i>29,700</i>
<i>Net Exp.</i>			<i>18,150</i>		<i>26,700</i>

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Town Council Budget for the Municipal Year 2022/23 following Budget Setting process in Autumn/Winter 2021 and above amendment be agreed and adopted.**
- (ii) the Precept Demand to Hertsmere Borough Council be set for 2022/23 at £549,766.52 (with the cost to Band D Council Tax payer being £39.99) on the following basis:**

Precept Demand	£549,766.52
Band D Yearly	£39.99
Multiplied by tax base	13,747.6
Thus making the final demand	£549,766.52

This represents a £3.00 annual increase for Band D Council Taxpayers of final Demand from 2021/22.

(iii) the recommended Earmarked reserve transfers within the current 2021/22 budget be approved to take place at Close Down of 2021/22 Accounts:

(a) 1800/108 Transfer £10,000 to Election Reserve

(b) 2947/209 Transfer £2,000 to Van Replacement Reserve

60. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was noted that with the advice of HAPTC, the Town Clerk would prepare and share a short set of standing orders for the Mayor prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. It was also noted that the Council would undertake Covid safeguarding measures to minimise the risk of infection at the meeting (hand sanitisers and facemasks). All Members were encouraged to promote the meeting.

It was emphasised that the Annual Parish Meeting was a statutory meeting convened by the Town Council for electors to speak on topics that were of interest to them within the Parish area. With the Mayor's approval, local organisations would be invited to address the meeting, as appropriate. An advertisement would be placed in the Town Crier magazine and on Social Media.

61. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was noted that the accounts for payments would be submitted to the Full Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

62. SIGNED MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that:

the following Committee signed Minutes be adopted and included in the Council Minute Book:

**Environment and Planning Committee
15 November 2021**

63. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) the following Freedom of Information Request submitted to Town Council since previous Council meeting be noted:

Received	Topic	Town Council Responded
27 November 2021	Town Crier Costs	6 December 2021

- (ii) information on making Freedom of Information requests be included on the Town Council's website (together with responses compliant with GDPR) and an appropriate educational article on the topic be included in an edition of the Town Crier magazine.

64. OUTSIDE BODIES

Fairway Hall

The hours of use since the previous Full Council on 24 November 2021 were noted:

Charity (MENCAP)	25.5 hours
Children's Groups	31.5 hours
Community	10 hours
Council	6 hours
Fitness Classes	5 hours
Private Functions	24 hours
Religious Groups	5 hours

Cllr R Butler asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting that the caretaking staff at the Town Council were to be applauded for their work in keeping the site clean and safe.

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum Group

Cllr A Collins reported on Museum activities since the last Council meeting including a guided tour he had conducted with volunteers. The new exhibition was entitled "Off the rails, the line that never was" concerning the abandoned project for a tube station at Elstree and Borehamwood. Members were encouraged to visit the museum as soon as it re-opened.

Elstree, Borehamwood and District Community Association

Cllr Mrs S Parnell read a report from EBDCA which included indications of a significant increase in activity at Allum Hall. Members noted with great sadness the death of Michael “Mick” Wickes and it was agreed that a formal letter of condolence be sent to his family on behalf of the Town Council.

Hertsmere MENCAP

Cllr V Eni provided a report noting that the Christmas party had been postponed for Covid related reasons.

Aldenham Country Park

Cllr Mrs P Strack reported that Aldenham Renaissance had had a “good October half term and Christmas, with good take up of their drive-through facilities.” Mr J Cartledge was thanked for assisting the Town Council in submitting a successful application to HBC for the Reservoir to be listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). It was noted that a compulsory purchase order was being investigated and that a joint statement on the future survival of the reservoir had been made by Councillors at HBC.

Maxwell Park

Cllr R Challice reported that Maxwell Park was “doing well” with good attendance and that it continued to have an active Facebook page.

First Impressions Group

Cllr Mrs S Parnell provided an update report relating to:

- the Passenger Benefit Fund (primarily used for extra seating at the Railway Station forecourt and electronic information kiosk)
- tour of public spaces conducted by First Impressions and HC’s Head of Street Scene
- Article for inclusion in Town Crier magazine.

Cllr A Collins reported on action taken to repair a leaking roof at the Railway station.

65. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTION TIME

Aldenham Reservoir

Council received representations from Cllr D Ozarow (HBC) to consider the issue of a compulsory purchase order in connection with Aldenham Reservoir and the call for a Council meeting with relevant stakeholders. It was noted that the Town Council

had successfully applied for the Reservoir to be included as an asset of community value (ACV) with HBC.

It was RESOLVED that:

The issue of a notional compulsory purchase order and Aldenham Reservoir be considered by the General Management Committee at its meeting on 3 February 2022.

Lockdown Parties

Members of the Public called for Members to condemn the Prime Minister for attending unlawful social gatherings during the Covid Lockdown restriction period. It was noted that some Town Councillors had called for the local MP to indicate whether he had attended any social gatherings / parties during this period.

66. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that:

under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1 (2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst matters pertaining to individual nominations for civic awards were discussed.

67. HONORARY FREEMEN/FREEWOMEN

It was RESOLVED that:

consideration of the nominations for Freeman/Freewomen awards before Members be deferred to the Full Council meeting scheduled for 23 March 2022.

68. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 9.26pm.

It was noted that the next meeting of Full Council was scheduled for Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 7.30 pm at Fairway Hall.

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