

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: Monday 14th February at 7.30pm in The Town Hall Saffron Walden

In the absence of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cllr de Vries took the Chair.

Present Councillors: Cllrs de Vries (Chair), Freeman, Hawke-Smith, Light, McLellan, Millward, Roberts and Toy

Officers: Lisa Courtney (Town Clerk)

Public: None present

FC 014-22	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Asker, Coote, Eke, Fairhurst, Gadd, Gregory, Frost and Porch
FC 015-22	Declarations of Interest Cllrs de Vries, Freeman and Light declared generic non-pecuniary interests as District Councillors for Uttlesford District Council (UDC).
FC 016-22	Public Speaking Time There were no questions arising.
FC 017-22	Essex County Councillor Update The written update provided by Cllr Gadd (and attached to the agenda) was noted by Council.
FC 018-22	Mayor's Communications The written update provided by The Mayor (and attached to the agenda) was noted by Council.
FC 019-22	To verify the Minutes of the Town Council meetings The 10 th January 2022 Full Council minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair.
FC 020-22	To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meetings Council received and noted the minutes from the following Committee meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Transport Tuesday 4th January 2022 (approved minutes)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Transport Thursday 13th January 2022 (approved minutes) • Planning and Transport Thursday 27th January 2022 (draft minutes) • Finance and Establishment 17th January 2022 (draft minutes) • Assets and Services 24th January 2022 (draft minutes)
FC 021-22	<p>Meeting Dates</p> <p>The proposed dates were agreed by Council.</p>
FC 022-22	<p>Mayoral Selection</p> <p>Council noted the reminder to submit Mayoral selections by Monday 7th March.</p>
FC 023-22	<p>Policies</p> <p>Council adopted the vexatious policy until October 2022 but asked for online social media vexatious behaviour to be included. Cllrs asked that a 'flow chart' is prepared illustrating how action might be taken out.</p>
FC 024-22	<p>Road Closure Consultation</p> <p>Council noted that the Town Centre Road Closure consultation will be presented to the Assets and Services Committee on Monday 28th February.</p>
FC 025-22	<p>Persimmon Homes</p> <p>Council noted the update and passed on thanks to the Town Clerk and Operations Manager for their continued and positive progression of all outstanding matters with Persimmon Homes. The Clerk advised that Persimmon Homes would also be connecting some homes in Little Walden Road to the mains sewerage (ie the weeper pipes would be connected to the foul sewerage); this at the cost and expense of Persimmon Homes and residents had been invited to opt into these works.</p>
FC 026-22	<p>Reports from other Meetings</p> <p>No meetings reported.</p>
FC 027-22	<p>Additional Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>No meetings reported.</p>
FC 028-22	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>No matters raised.</p>
FC 029-22	<p>Date and time of Next meeting(s)</p> <p>The Chair reminded all that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th March 2022 and 7.30pm in The Town Hall.</p>

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FC 030-22	<p>Confidential Item – Exclusion of Press and Public (Part II meeting)</p> <p>To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</p>
FC 031-22	<p>Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Town Clerk reiterated that there are still outstanding queries with the external examiners report that must be resolved and given these outstanding matters, it was difficult to make a firm recommendation to Council until all queries are resolved. Having regard to the Clerk’s advice and noting the outstanding queries, it was Resolved:</p> <p>To hold any decision regarding progression of the SW Neighbourhood Plan in abeyance, pending responses from both UDC and the external examiner. Once clarification is received it was noted that an extraordinary meeting would be required to discuss the responses and affirm the next step.</p> <p>Cllr Toy wished it to be expressly minuted that he was “disgusted and appalled” that the SW MP Kemi Badenoch had allowed the UDC planning function to be delegated to the Secretary of State and that she had not been seen to support UDC in this matter.</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm