

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA
HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2022.**

PRESENT: Councillors Janet Alty, Alan Boad, Sarah Boad, Julija Boulton, Will Bryce, Mubarik Chowdry, Judith Clarke, Bill Gifford, Jennifer McAllister, Jade McGhee, Louisa Radice, Ruggy Singh, Amanda Stevens and Nick Wilkins.

Officer: Town Clerk.

64. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Brunson and Cllr S Rasmussen.

65. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr B Gifford declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council DC.

Cllr A Boad declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Warwick District Council.

66. **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no representations from members of the public.

67. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FORUM**

Cllr S Boad WCC – RLSTC responded to Bus Service Improvement Plan consultation. Plan is now out for consultation. Will be considered further at Policy & Resources committee meeting in early February.

Cllr A Boad – WDC – giga factory permission approved earlier this week.
South Warwickshire Local Plan - proposed sites have been published (that developers would like to develop).
Prince's Drive bridge refurbishment having an impact on traffic this week.

Cllr B Gifford – Work on the bridge is both refurbishment and maintenance work.

68. **COMMONWEALTH GAMES STREET DRESSING**

The Council considered report No. 5 regarding the proposed Commonwealth Games Street Dressing. It was noted that there was a Commonwealth Games briefing for Cllrs scheduled for 26th January. Invitation to be circulated to all Town Councillors.

Resolved

That the Town Council makes a £12k contribution to the Commonwealth Games Street Dressing, via a contribution to WDC.

69. **BUDGET 2022/23**

The Town Council considered a report regarding the draft budget for 2022/23 and the setting of the precept for 2022/23.

Cllr S Boad noted that RLSTC could sponsor the WWT peregrine webcam.

A proposal was discussed to provide funding support to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to support the continued operation of the peregrine webcam at Leamington Spa Town Hall.

Resolved

i) That the recommended budget for 2022/23, as set out in report 6 is approved.

ii) That the revenue budget for the Council for the financial year 2022/23 is £434,370

iii) That Warwick District Council is advised that the total budget requirement to be met from the precept is £421,770

iv) That £360 be paid to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to support the continued operation of the Peregrine Webcam.

70. **REVIEW OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Town Council considered report no 7. regarding delegated authority.

Resolved

i) That the continuation of the delegations to the Town Clerk, as identified in the report is approved.

ii) That the delegation arrangements are reviewed in June 2022 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

71. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR / MAYOR AND DEPUTY CHAIR / MAYOR FOR 2022/23**

The Town Council considered the issue of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022/23. Proposed that Cllr Alan Boad will be the deputy.

Resolved –

i) That Cllr Wilkins be nominated at the annual meeting in May as the Mayor for 2022/23.

ii) That Cllr A Boad be nominated at the annual meeting in May as Deputy Mayor for 2022/23.

72. **MAYORAL PROTOCOL**

The Town Council considered report No. 9 regarding a proposed Mayoral Protocol. Some minor amendments were discussed and agreed.

Resolved

That subject to the minor amendments discussed, the Mayoral Protocol is approved.

73. **UPDATES FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL BODIES**

The Town Council considered report No. 10 providing updates from its representatives on external bodies. It was noted that WALC were hosting 2 climate change sessions

on 19th Jan and 30th March. It was noted that the proposed three way twinning re-union scheduled for Oxford in early April has been postponed.

74. BY ELECTION RESULT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Town Council considered report No. 11 regarding the recent Willes by-election and welcomed Cllr Ruggy Singh to the Town Council.

Resolved that

- i) Cllr Ruggy Singh be added to the membership of the planning committee.
- ii) The membership of other committees is reviewed as usual at the start of the 2022/23 year.

75. ANNUAL MEETING 2022/23

The Town Council discussed the arrangements for the annual meeting in May. It was noted that a lower key meeting would be appropriate considering the ongoing Covid situation. Options of 12th May, 16th May and 19th May were discussed.

Resolved – that the Town Clerk liaise with relevant Cllrs and finalise the date of the Annual meeting.

76. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council on 11th November 21 are confirmed as a correct record.

Resolved that the minutes of the following meetings are received and noted:

Culture & Community Committee 14June21, 20Sept21

Planning – 02Sept21, 23Sept21.

Policy & Resources Committee – 09th Sept21

77. PAYMENTS

Resolved to approve the following payments.

Payments for approval		Leamington Spa Town Council 13.01.22			
Cheque No / Electronic payment	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Total
Electronic	Warwick District Council.	Contribution to Community Safety Partnership anti spiking project - approved Policy & Resources Committee 15Dec21	£1,905.00	£0.00	£1,905.00
Electronic	SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks)	Staff CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) qualification registration.	£410.00	£0.00	£410.00
Electronic	Warwick District Council.	Contribution to Commonwealth Games Street Dressing (final sum to be considered / agreed at Town Council meeting 13Jan22)	£12,000.00	£0.00	£12,000.00
Electronic	Warwickshire Wildlife Trust	Contribution to Peregrine Webcam at Leamington Town Hall	£360.00		£360.00
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					£0.00
			£14,675.00	£0.00	£14,675.00