

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk: Ms Ally Chang

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1461 Wednesday 6 October 2021 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Terry Kendall-Torry (Chairman), Stuart Cooper, Malcolm Ward, Lynette Kendall-Torry, Jim Wrigley, Neil Done, Neil Forster, Andrew Weatherill, Susan Drake, Laurence Harper, Gordon Swann and Tab Goodes

There was one member of the public present

71/21-22 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Jonathan Ekins

72/21-22 There was no declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct.

73/21-22 The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council Meetings held on Wednesday 1 September 2021 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

74/21-22 No members of the public addressed the Council

75/21-22 **Finance**

- a. The Council considered and approved the Financial Reports, Receipts & Bank Reconciliation to 06.10.2021
- b. The Council considered and approved the payments due up to 6 October 2021
- c. The Council received the Internal Control report from Cllr Stuart Cooper and appointed Cllr Malcolm Ward the next Councillor to complete the Internal Control checks
- d. The Council considered and approved the external Auditors report for the year 2020-21

76/21-22 **Community Matters**

- a. The Council discussed additional hours for the Clerk to work for the Queen's Jubilee preparations and **resolved** that the Working Party should use the Clerk on an "as required" basis between October and June subject to an overall maximum equivalent of 2 hours per week for the 8 month period, as it was anticipated that the workload at the outset and conclusion of this period would be heavier than the mid-period.
- b. Cllr Jim Wrigley reported to the Council that he had obtained a quote for installing moveable CCTV cameras around the town to deter anti-social behaviour is £14,000 which includes a maintenance agreement, it was agreed this needs to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- c. The clerk reported that the road closure for the remembrance day parade had been approved, a new flag had been ordered, an external PA system has been organised, chevron have agreed to assist with road closure, school confirmed the parade can start at their car park, Royal Anglian Regiment agreed to do marshalling and Royal British Legions organising the event.

77/21-22 **Open Spaces**

- a. The Council considered reversing the previous resolution made of transferring the Recreation Ground but **resolved** to proceed with the transfer.
- b. The Council considered the quotation for Christmas Tree and planting and approved Welford Christmas Tree Farm supplying a 12ft Norway Spruce for £130 (Inc VAT) and approved Hurst Agricultural Contractors digging/planting the tree for £350 (plus VAT).

78/21-22 **Planning Applications -**

NW/21/00742/FUL – 7 Hayden Avenue – no comment

NW/21/00792/FUL - 25 Millers Close – no comment

NW/21/00159/FUL & NW/21/00160/LBC - Adjacent 67 And 69 Local History Society – the Council confirmed their objections remain as previously stated:

- Inappropriate use of the listed building
- The ground surrounding the property is a graveyard
- The property is next to a school on a blind bend without any off-street parking.

79/21-22 **Highways –**

The Council **resolved** Clarendon Buildings quote on the VAS speed signs battery replacement of £22.50 one month and battery replacement/rotation of signs the alternative month at a cost of £45.00

80/21-22 The Council **resolved** to have a stand at Finedon Buffs Christmas Fayre, clerk to arrange and advertise.

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- 81/21-22 Report from Cllr Andrew Weatherill and Malcolm Ward NNC for information Only was noted.
82/21-22 The Clerk's Report was noted.
83/21-22 Round Table Comments for Report Only
Cllr Ward – There are possible plans for 3 storey flats to replace the old Medical Centre.
Cllr Done – Reported that he believes two protected trees on the Milner Road development have been removed.
Cllr Lynette Kendall-Torry – Reported that she would like the Council to purchase new rubbish bins.
Cllr Terry Kendall-Torry – Would like the Clerk to investigate the rules around Councillors attendance of meetings. Also reported that locking and unlocking of Banks Park will cost £8500 per annum or installing three cameras will cost £4000. Also had made enquiries and reported that the cost per light head is £260 including delivery and installation for the lampposts in the Recreation Ground.
Cllr Harper – reported that a member of public has offered to donate a defib to the Council. Council to consider purchasing a case and possible location at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: 24 November 2021