



# Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Paul Myers BEM Town Clerk: Donna Ford PSLCC

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Assembly Room  
at the Town Hall, Midsomer Norton on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Commencing at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Town Mayor: Cllr P Myers  
Councillor M Evans  
Councillor G Mackay  
Councillor S Plumley  
Councillor M Rich  
Councillor L Robertson  
Councillor R Robertson  
Councillor A Slade (Deputy Mayor)

**Also Present:** 73 Members of the Public

**In Attendance:** Donna Ford – Town Clerk

**Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure / Recording Protocol**

The Officer present explained the fire evacuation procedure and the Town Council's recording protocol.

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| 91. | <p><b><u>Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor A Purchase</li><li>• Councillor B Lawrence</li></ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To accept the apologies for absence.</p>   |
| 92. | <p><b><u>Mayor's Announcements</u></b></p> <p>The Mayor gave a verbal report and covered the below points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work had now started on the Town Park with the initial clearance.</li><li>• The New Play Equipment at West Clewes installation has now started.</li><li>• The new fingerposts for the wayfinding system had now been ordered and the installation date will be during April 2019.</li><li>• Welcome to the New Deputy Clerk.</li></ul> |
| 93. | <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest.</u></b></p> <p>None Received.</p>  |
| 94. | <p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Midsomer Norton Town Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be signed and adopted as a correct record. The Mayor subsequently signed the minutes.</p>  |

95.

**Asset Transfer**

- Members considered the contracts proposed from B&NES for the transfer of
  1. The Town Hall
  2. Somer Centre to include the right of way to the Town Park
  3. Orchard Community Hall
  4. Silver Street Nature Reserve

In accordance with B&NES single member cabinet decision made on 5/09/2018

- Members considered exchange of contracts for the above assets with a proposed completion date for items 2,3,4 being 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and Item 1 being 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
- Members considered the transfer signatures in accordance with standing order 34.1 to seal and sign the contracts.
- **Resolved:**  
Accepting the asset transfer from B&NES for the:
  1. The Town Hall – freehold £1
  2. Somer Centre – including the existing tenant/agreement – freehold £1
  3. Silver Street Nature Reserve – freehold £1
  4. Orchard Hall – 99 year lease
  5. Land at the entrance to the Town Park – Licence and Deed of Easement
- Delegating the power to Cllrs Paul Myers, Steve Plumley and Alastair Slade and the Town Clerk Donna Ford to execute the completion of exchange of contracts with a proposed completion date of 31<sup>st</sup> March for items 2,3,4,5 and a proposed date of 31<sup>st</sup> May for item 1.
- NB: there will be licences from B&NES to the MNCT to allow for the operation of the Town Hall and Orchard Hall pending completion
- Appointing Cllrs Paul Myers and Alastair Slade as the transfer signatories in accordance with Standing Order 34.1 to seal and sign the contracts.

96.

**Asset Transfer – Gift to Town Trust**

- Members considered the documents prepared by Thatcher and Hallam to Gift to the Town Trust
  - The Town Park - freehold
  - The Town Hall – freehold
  - Somer Centre – including the existing tenant/agreement – freehold
  - Silver Street Nature Reserve – freehold
  - Orchard Hall – 99 year lease
  - Land at the entrance to the Town Park – Licence and Deed of

### Easement

- Members to consider gifting the assets to the Town Trust in conjunction with the agreed contracts and licences on the proposed date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 for items 1,3,4,5 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 for item 2.
- Under Standing Order 37.2 (iii) Members to consider Delegated Powers to the Town Clerk to oversee and execute the completion of exchange.

#### **Resolved:**

- Members resolved to gift the following to the Town Trust:
  - The Town Park - freehold
  - The Town Hall – freehold
  - Somer Centre – including the existing tenant/agreement – freehold
  - Silver Street Nature Reserve – freehold
  - Orchard Hall – 99 year lease
  - Land at the entrance to the Town Park – Licence and Deed of Easement
- Members resolved gifting the assets to the Town Trust in conjunction with the agreed contracts and licences on the proposed date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 for items 1,3,4,5.6 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 for item 2.
- Under Standing Order 37.2 (iii) Members resolved granting Delegated Powers to the Town Clerk to oversee and execute the completion of exchange.

#### **97. Temporary Insurance Cover**

- Members considered the Temporary Insurance quotation to cover the below assets
  1. Town Hall
  2. Somer Centre
  3. Orchard Community Hall
  4. Silver Street nature Reserve

#### **Resolved:**

- To accept the quotation for Temporary Insurance cost for cover for the period up to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.
- Delegated to the Town Clerk, Donna Ford, to secure this insurance.

**Meeting closed at 7.26pm**

**Signed:** .....  
**(Mayor)**

**Dated:** .....