



Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Michael Evans Town Clerk: Donna Ford PSLCC

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Beauchamp Room
at the Town Hall, Midsomer Norton on Monday 3rd June 2019
Commencing at 7.00pm**

Present:

Town Mayor:	Councillor M Evans (Mayor)
Councillors:	Councillor S Plumley (Deputy Mayor)
	Councillor J Baker
	Councillor L Clement
	Councillor S Graham
	Councillor B Lawrence
	Councillor G Mackay
	Councillor M Moxham
	Councillor L Robertson
	Councillor R Robertson
	Councillor C Smith

Also Present: Nine (9) Members of the Public

In Attendance: Town Clerk - Donna Ford
Administrator – Caroline Brown

Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure / Recording Protocol

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

7.00pm Welcome

7.05pm Chaplains Thought for the Day

27	<u>Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Noted: No absences to note at the Meeting.
28	<u>Mayor's Announcements</u> The Mayor gave a verbal report and covered the below points. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twinning – Ambares Wednesday 5th – 12th June 2019.• Mayor to make a speech and will mention the Town Park and asset management.• Mayor appeared at National Radio Day – Somer FM• Mayor also made an appearance at a raffle in the High Street, £500 raised for the Breast Cancer Appeal for the RUH.
29	<u>Declarations of interest</u> None received.

<p>30</p>	<p><u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u></p> <p>To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 28.1.</p> <p>Resolved: That in view of the confidentiality of Agenda Item 40 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting.</p>
<p>31</p>	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13th May 2019 had been circulated in the Agenda.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Midsomer Norton Town Council held on Monday 13th May 2019 be signed and adopted as a correct record. The Mayor subsequently signed the minutes.</p> <p>Noted - Lynne Clement now removed from the Community Trust as detailed in previous minutes.</p>
<p>32</p>	<p><u>Anti-Social and Criminal Behaviour</u></p> <p>The Members heard from several members of the public regarding continual anti-social behaviour specifically in the Somer Centre car park and Gullock Tynning. Problems such as speeding cars, noise, drugs and mess.</p> <p>Resolved: The Members resolved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor to give a statement at the next BANES meeting regarding the problems residents are facing. • Check the ownership of the gate into the Somer Centre car park. Facilitate meeting with BANES. • Look into the possibility of the Marshalls closing the gates on a Friday/Saturday night. Set up a meeting with them. • Consider the Police offer of locking gates when they are on late shifts Thursday, Friday and Saturday. • Consider who will unlock the gates in the morning and the cost. • Send the Marshalls report to beat manager PC Mark Graham. • Look into installing further speed bumps in and out. Table tops – preferential for ambulance drivers needing access to the Doctors surgery? • Consider installing bollards – will need to assess residents driveways for access. • Look into arranging a meeting between the Town Council, BANES, the Police and The Somer Centre to discuss issues. • Mobile and solar powered camera deployment – funding obtained and ready to go – waiting for a quote – 2 week turnaround for payment. Camera to be under the joint ownership of Midsomer Norton Town Council, Radstock Town Council and Westfield Parish Council. • Consider possible location of camera – apex of Somer Centre – looking towards skate park – will need to negotiate with owner of lamppost –

	<p>Western Power.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider lowering speed limit. • Drinking ban on the High Street – new signs still not up. To investigate. • Raise issue at the Somer Valley Forum, next meeting likely to be 24th September.
33	<p><u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>Midsomer Norton Cricket Club (MNCC) The Deputy Mayor deputised at the opening of the new changing rooms at MNCC, for which they received a £5000 grant from the Town Council. It was noted that it was money very well spent and that MNCC has the largest number of children’s teams in the whole of Somerset, with 86 children between the ages of 4 and 16 years. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>Inauguration of the Mayor of Bath The Deputy Mayor also attended at the Guildhall and Abbey on behalf of the Mayor. The Mayor again expressed his thanks to the Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>Outfield Festival Councillor Gordon Mackay advised that organisers would like to say a public thank you to the Town Council on the stage during the event.</p> <p>ALCA Meeting Councillors John Baker, Lynda Robertson and Richard Robertson attended a meeting. Bath Heritage, Bath Abbey Archway discussed. Parish Liaison meetings 24th July and 30th October. Councillors training – ALCA is booked for 18th June at 7pm.</p>
34	<p><u>Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019</u></p> <p>Members reviewed the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Statement of Accounts be approved.</p>
35	<p><u>Completion of Section 1 of the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 – Annual Governance Statement</u></p> <p>Resolved: Approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement, sections 1 to 9.</p>
36	<p><u>Completion of Section 2 of the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 – Accounting Statements</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members approved the Accounting Statements and they were subsequently signed.</p>
37	<p><u>Town Park Project Phase 1</u></p>

	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Members appoint MAC Grounds work for Phase 1 2. That Members approved the contract for phase1. 3. That Members approved the payment plan for phase 1 and gave delegated powers to the Town Clerk.
<p>38</p>	<p><u>Town Park Project Phase 2</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to appoint a Contractor for Phase 2 of the Town Park Regeneration Project 2. Members resolved to give Delegated powers to the Clerk for the appointment of contractors, contracts and payment plans.
<p>39</p>	<p><u>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</u></p> <p>In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item (Item 30 above refers)</p>
<p>40</p>	<p><u>Nomination for Civic Awards</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members received and considered the nominations for Civic Awards 2019. Members to say a few words and present the Awards:</p> <p>Nominees for the 2019 Civic Awards for Midsomer Norton are:</p> <p>Lifetime Achievement: Joan Norman, Lucy & Jim Edwards and Rev. Christopher Chiplin.</p> <p>Business Initiative of the year: New Release Community Cinema.</p> <p>Youth Group Leader of the Year: Karen Rawles.</p> <p>Community Youth Group of the Year: Off The Record Youth Group.</p> <p>Community Group of the Year: Midsomer Norton Cricket Club.</p> <p>Community Volunteers of the Year: Contact the Elderly and Men’s Shed.</p> <p>Community Project of the Year: Asset Transfer Team – Donna Ford, Paul Myers, Cllr Steve Plumley.</p> <p>Sports Achievement of the Year: Midsomer Norton Methodist Cricket Club.</p> <p>Freedom of the Town: Paul Myers BEM.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.59pm

Signed:

Dated: