



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 2nd March 2020 Commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Town Mayor:	Councillor M Evans
Deputy Mayor:	Councillor S Plumley
Councillors:	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:

Town Clerk:	Donna Ford
Administrator:	Caroline Brown

In Attendance:

- Councillor Paul Myers
- Rev S Robinson
- Nigel Whitehead – Planning Consultant (Welton Bibby Baron)
- One (1) member of the public
- One (1) member of the press

Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure / Recording Protocol

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

106	<u>Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given</u> Noted: No absences to note at the Meeting.
107	<u>Mayor's Announcements</u> The Mayor gave a verbal report covering the points below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr John Slade has passed away. He was a Norton Radstock Town Councillor before we were formed, as well as serving on this council for its first four years. His sense of humour was much appreciated as was his financial acumen, and he will be sadly missed. (A few moments of silence were taken). The funeral will take place on 10th March at 11.30am at the Crematorium on the Old Wells Road, Mendip.• The Mayor attended the funeral of a young parishioner, who tragically died in an armed forces training accident. It was very moving, St John's

	<p>Church was packed with family, friends and colleagues who gave very moving speeches, the local MP was in attendance and the town was very well represented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Alastair Slade, the last deputy Mayor has had a serious stroke, but he is on the road to recovery and we wish him well. • There was a meeting of the Midsomer Norton Economic Partnership on 11th February. This pressed B&NES to improve the public realm in the town, and support businesses where possible, making use of the recently awarded national funding. It also highlighted the importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan as this is looked at by potential funding bodies like Heritage England and various government funding pots, to see the aspirations of the Town. The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now awaiting a meeting for confirmation of the prepared document to go to BANES. • Surgeries – one this evening before the Meeting, with one resident attending. • Somer Centre/Somer Court – antisocial behaviour ongoing, but in hand, due to the time of year. The discussions regarding the improvement of traffic calming measures along Gullock Tynning are continuing. • Street Pastors are folding. The volunteers have been going since 2008 and their last evening will be 28th March. There will be a thanksgiving in the Town Hall on 14th June 4pm – 6.30pm – all invited. • Council emails. All Councillor emails are up and running. The old email addresses will stop being used on Friday 6th March. As of Monday 9th March all emails will be sent to the new addresses.
108	<p><u>Declarations of Interest.</u></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest.</p>
109	<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. There were no items that required the Public and Press to be excluded from the meeting.</p>
110	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Midsomer Norton Town Council held on 3rd February 2020 be signed and adopted as a correct record. The Mayor subsequently signed the minutes.</p>
111	<p><u>To Receive Reports from Councillors on Standing Committees</u></p> <p>Planning Committee Finance and Operations Committee</p> <p>Resolved: To note the reports.</p>

112	<p><u>To Receive Reports from Councillors on Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>Resolved: To note the reports.</p>
113	<p><u>Midsomer Norton Town Council Training Policy</u></p> <p>Resolved: To amend the first sentence to say “the Council will ensure that there is sufficient budget allowance to provide adequate professional training to all members of staff and Councillors,” and to adopt the policy.</p>
114	<p><u>Midsomer Norton Town Council - Business Plan</u></p> <p>Resolved: Following some suggested organisational name updates and the addition of a 3-year financial forecast linked to revenue and capital plans, to formally adopt the Business Plan and publish accordingly.</p>
115	<p><u>Midsomer Norton Town Council – Statements required for the Quality Gold Award</u></p> <p>Resolved: Following a change to say that a Public Space Protection Order exists, to formally adopt the following statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that Midsomer Norton Town Council Delivers Value for Money • Duties in Relation to Bio-Diversity and Crime and Disorder • Leadership in Planning for the Future • Performance of the Council as a Corporate Body • Managing Staff Performance to Achieve the Business Plan
116	<p><u>Local Council Award Scheme – Quality Gold Award Application</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members confirmed by resolution that all of the documentation required for Part One of the Quality Gold Award application is published online. Members also confirmed by resolution that the Council has prepared statements on the subject areas as set out in Part Two of the Quality Gold Award application and these can be presented to the accreditation panel.</p>
117	<p><u>Asset Register</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members noted the updated asset register for 2020/2021.</p>
118	<p><u>Risk Register</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members noted the updated risk register for 2020/2021.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Signed:

Dated: