

PARISH OF GODALMING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD

ON THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

* Town Mayor (Cllr PMA Rivers)
* Deputy Town Mayor (Cllr Steel)

* Councillor P Martin	* Councillor Stubbs
* Councillor PS Rivers	* Councillor Cosser
* Councillor Welland	* Councillor Follows
* Councillor Adam	* Councillor Ashworth
* Councillor Boyle	* Councillor Crooks
* Councillor Duce	* Councillor Heagin
* Councillor Hullah	* Councillor Neill
* Councillor Purvis	0 Councillor Rosoman
* Councillor Wardell	* Councillor Williams

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology for Absence L Late

166. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2020 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

167. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

168. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

169. WELCOME REMARKS

The Mayor welcomed Revd Canon Harkin and updated the Council on Mayoral activities.

170. PRESENTATION TO MEMBERS FROM FORMER BROADWATER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Unfortunately, the former pupils of Broadwater School were unable to attend the meeting, however, the Mayor read a statement from the Head of Broadwater School instead. The Head of Broadwater School, Lizzi Matthews, said "I'm positive about the future because these students are the future."

171. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 5.

172. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions from Councillors were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6.

173. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

There were none.

174. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the following Committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED

Audit Committee

Financial Regulations

Members noted that the Audit Committee had reviewed the current Financial Regulations and agreed no amendments were required.

Policy & Management Committee

Christmas in Godalming During COVID-19

Full Council resolved to approve delegated authority to the Environment & Planning Committee to consider and, if appropriate, approve, options brought forward relating to Christmas in Godalming during COVID-19, including budgetary issues.

Environment & Planning Committee

Community Infrastructure Levy

Full Council agreed to adopt the following documents:

CIL Policy and Funding Application Form Guide for Applicants
CIL Funding Application Form

Additionally, Members of the Environment & Planning Committee resolved to agree that Cllr Adam, Cllr Crooks and Cllr Ashworth be appointed as the CIL application validation panel. Final decisions for the approval of CIL applications and disbursement of CIL payments to be agreed by the Full Council.

Carbon Reduction & Biodiversity Fund

Full Council agreed to adopt the following documents:

Carbon Reduction & Biodiversity Fund Guidance Notes and Application Form
Guidance for Grant Applicants – CO2 Reduction & Biodiversity

Staffing Committee:

2020-21 National Salary Award

Members resolved to agree to approve the payment of the NJC negotiated 2020-21 National Salary Award of 2.75% backdated to 1 April 2020.

175. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The reports of the following committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED:

	Meetings Dated
Audit Committee	10 September 2020
Policy & Management Committee	30 July 2020 3 September 2020
Staffing Committee	4 August 2020
Mayoralty Committee	26 August 2020

176. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Proposed by Councillor Penny Rivers and seconded by Councillor Follows the following motion was passed with a recorded vote.

Black Lives Matter

Godalming Town Council is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion in accordance with its Equality & Diversity Policy. Consequently, we join with the voices across the world in support of the Black Lives Matter.

GTC stands against all forms of racism and we encourage residents, schools and organisations to do the same.

The recorded vote was as follows:

For	Councillor P Martin	For	Councillor Steel
For	Councillor Stubbs	For	Councillor PMA Rivers
For	Councillor PS Rivers	Abstain	Councillor Cosser
Abstain	Councillor Welland	For	Councillor Follows
For	Councillor Adam	For	Councillor Ashworth
For	Councillor Boyle	For	Councillor Crooks
For	Councillor Duce	For	Councillor Heagin
For	Councillor Hullah	For	Councillor Neill
For	Councillor Purvis	For	Councillor Williams
For	Councillor Wardell		

177. THE PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (NO. 2) ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS 2018

Members noted the progress made to comply with these regulations and wished to record their thanks to the Support Service Executive for the work she has done to get the Council's website in compliance.

178. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members noted the letter from the External Auditor stating that there was no report as no matters came to their attention during the audit. Members wished to record their thanks to the Responsible Finance Officer for this result.

179. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS, ETC.

The following resolution was passed nem con.

THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SEALED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ANY ORDERS, DEEDS OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO ANY OF THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS RECEIVED AT THIS MEETING OR IN ANY RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

180. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held via Zoom on Thursday, 17 December 2020 at 7.30pm or at the conclusion of the preceding Policy & Management Committee, whichever is later.

181. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members to note the new arrangements for the observance of the 2020 Remembrance Day and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.