

PARISH OF GODALMING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD

ON THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

- * Town Mayor (Cllr Faraday)
- * Deputy Town Mayor (Cllr Duce)

0	Councillor P Martin	*	Councillor Steel
0	Councillor Stubbs	*	Councillor PMA Rivers
*	Councillor Cosser	*	Councillor PS Rivers
0	Councillor Welland	*	Councillor Follows
*	Councillor Adam	0	Councillor Ashworth
0	Councillor Boyle	*	Councillor Crooks
0	Councillor Heagin	*	Councillor Hullah
*	Councillor Neill	0	Councillor Williams
L	Councillor Weightman	*	Councillor Kiehl

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

As this was the first meeting of the Council following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022, a minute's silence was held prior to the start of the meeting.

The Mayor wished to thank GTC staff for their response to the announcement of the death of the Queen and the exemplary execution of the national and local protocols, including the organisation of the Accession Proclamation, which was attended by over 3,000 residents.

268. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 July 2022 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

269. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

270. 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.

271. 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.

272. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

273. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

Members to note that following the announcement of the death of Her majesty Queen Elizabeth II the Mayor sent a letter of condolence to King Charles III (copy attached to record minutes).

Members to note that a letter was received from the Mayor of Joigny and his council, expressing their condolences on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

274. PRESENTATION

Members received a presentation from Vanessa Lanham-Day, Co-Chair, Green Hub Project for Teens on the progress and work of the Green Hub Project.

275. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Staffing Committee

The Chair's report and recommendations of the Staffing Committee held on 15 September 2022 were presented to Members as a confidential item.

Policy & Management Committee

Policy Document Review

Full Council resolved to agree to adopt the following amended documents:

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Application Form
Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy & Funding Application Form Guide

In presenting the amended documents the committee chair, explained that the changes would allow applicants who were applying for both Strategic CIL from Waverley Borough Council and Neighbourhood CIL from Godalming Town Council to use the same form, thus simplifying the process.

276. 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	7 July 2022
Environment & Planning	30 June 2022 21 July 2022 11 August 2022 1 September 2022
Policy & Management Committee	30 June 2022 11 August 2022 1 September 2022
Staffing Committee	7 July 2022

277. GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting of the Joint Burial Committee held on 8 September 2022 was noted.

278. EXTERNAL AUDIT

Members noted that Godalming Town Council has an unqualified audit for the financial year 2021/22 (copy attached to record minutes).

On the proposal of Cllr Follows and seconded by Cllr Cosser, Members recorded their thanks to the RFO for the continued good governance that provides the framework to achieve an unqualified audit.

279. HOSPITAL HOPPA

As required by the current SLA agreement between the Waverley Hoppa Community Transport and Godalming Town Council, Members received the draft accounts for 2022/2022 and noted that between April 2021 and March 2022, the Hospital Hoppa Transport, which is supported by GTC's SLA, conveyed 488 people for medical appointments of which 29 were wheelchair users.

Members requested that the proportion of Godalming residents using this service be supplied for the last three years before renewing the SLA in September 2023.

280. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Members resolved to agree to support the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in 2022 in the following ways:

- a. Lighting up in orange The Pepperpot from the Christmas Lights Switch On event on 26 November until 10 December 2022 and also the council building windows for the same period.
- b. Display an orange flag from the flagpole at The Pepperpot.
- c. Use its social media presence to raise awareness.

281. 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.

282. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7.15pm or at the conclusion of the preceding Environment & Planning Committee, whichever is later.

283. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were asked to sign up to volunteer for the Poppy Appeal collection on Saturday, 12 November.

Eashing Cemetery has been used as a filming location for a Bollywood Style film called Carry on Jata 3.

South & South East in Bloom awards in the following areas were achieved:

- Godalming Town Centre – Floral Godalming – Silver Gilt
- Nightingale Cemetery – Small Cemetery Category - Gold
- Eashing Cemetery – Large Cemetery Category – Gold and overall category winner.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S.1(2), THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM(S) 17 BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED I.E STAFFING MATTERS.

284. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered a confidential report from the Staffing Committee and resolved to agree the recommendations contained within the report.