

PARISH OF GODALMING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD IN THE GODALMING CHAMBER

ON THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00 PM

*	The Town Mayor (Councillor A Bott)		
*	The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor Williams)		
*	Councillor P Martin	*	Councillor RA Gordon-Smith
*	Councillor Poulter	*	Councillor Cosser
*	Councillor Wheatley	*	Councillor T Martin
*	Councillor Hunter	*	Councillor Reynolds
*	Councillor S Bott	*	Councillor Noyce
0	Councillor Welland	*	Councillor Pinches
*	Councillor Bolton	*	Councillor Gray
*	Councillor Walden	*	Councillor Purkiss
*	Councillor Wainwright	*	Councillor Follows

* Present # Absent without apology 0 Apology for Absence L Late

368. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 November 2017 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

369. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

370. 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 4.

371. 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.

372. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

The following letters were tabled for the information of Members:

Letter from Churches Together in Godalming thanking the Town Council for the grant in support of Town Day held on 9 December 2017.

Letter from the Eikon Charity thanking the Town Council for the grant in support of Rodborough School's Specialist Youth Programme.

Letter from Waverley Borough Council providing information to the Council with regard to the availability of Section 106 money to fund environmental improvement schemes in Godalming and Farncombe.

373. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Policy & Management Committee

Revised Estimates 2017/18 and Budget 2018/19

Members received the revised estimates for 2017/18 and the 2018/19 budget

Having RECEIVED the recommendations of the Policy & Management Committee regarding the revised estimates for 2017/18 and the 2018/19 budget. The Full Council RESOLVED to approve the 2017/2018 revised estimates and RESOLVED to agree the setting of a precept of £622,205 for the financial year 2018/19 (budget for 2018/19 attached to the record minutes).

Staffing Committee

Staff Appointments

Following the recommendations of the Staffing Committee, the Full Council RESOLVED to:

- Appoint Mr Andrew Jeffery as the Town Clerk (Proper Officer of the Council)
- Appoint Mrs Rita Tong as the Support Services Officer & Responsible Finance Officer

The Full Council also noted the appointment of Mrs Suzie Gortler as the Community Services and Communications Officer.

374. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

	Meetings Dated
Policy & Management Committee	30 November 2017 4 January 2018
Mayoralty Committee	7 December 2017
Staffing Committee	4 January 2018

375. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

Members to agree the appointment of Cllr Cosser to the Staffing Committee as a replacement for Cllr A Bott.

376. CIVIC DINNER

Members noted that this year the Mayor's will be holding a Civic Reception instead of the traditional Civic Dinner, as such the date of the event has changed from 27 April to 13 April 2018 and will be held in the Borough Hall.

377. CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL

Members received a presentation from Mr David Armitage, Director of Finance & Strategy of Charterhouse School on the visions and plans for the future of the school.

378. 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.

379. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 22 March 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

380. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members of a meeting to be held on 8 February 2018 at 7pm to inform Members of the work and progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IE. STAFFING MATTERS.

381. REPORT OF THE MAYORALTY COMMITTEE

Note that the matter herein was discussed in confidential session but the resulting minute need not be considered confidential.

Members RECEIVED a confidential oral report from the Chairman of the Mayoralty Committee. The Mayoralty Committee made two recommendations to Full Council. Firstly, that Councillor Williams be nominated as Mayor Elect for the civic year 2018/19 and that Councillor Pinches be nominated as Deputy Mayor Elect for the same year. Council was pleased to AGREE both nominations.