

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Town Council on Monday 14th
February 2022 at 7.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr J Bonetta
Cllr D Munge

St Paul's Ward

Cllr K Cloke
Cllr D Hullin
Cllr S Keene
Cllr S Sexton

In attendance

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk
Heloise Marlow, Deputy Town Clerk
PC S Mingo
2 members of the public (in person)
9 members of the public (via zoom)

21/338 The Chair welcomed the three new Councillors for St Paul's Ward –
Cllr Kolek, Hulin and Furneaux-Gotch.

21/339 Apologies for absence

Cllr H Hurford - Personal
Cllr T McCollum– Personal
Cllr A Proszowska- Personal
Cllr T Howard - Personal

21/340 Declarations of Interests

Cllr S Sexton – Personal Interest (Item 21/352 and 21/355)
Cllr J Bonetta – Personal Interest (Item 21/347, 21/348, 21/349 and
21/355)

21/341 Dispensations

There were no grants of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation
to the business of this meeting.

21/342 Public Question Time for items on the agenda

There were no public questions.

21/343 Presentation from Devon & Cornwall Policy

Cllr Sexton introduced PC S Mingo and confirmed that she and Cllr Hurford
had attended the Devon & Cornwall Police awards ceremony where PC
Mingo and his sergeant had received an award.

PC Mingo confirmed that the following were the 2022 local policing priorities:

- Vehicle offences eg recent spike in theft of catalytic converters.
- Drug use and trafficking supply
- Rural theft.

The police acknowledged that there was a busy summer ahead especially with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr Keene highlighted parking and speeding traffic issues in New Street and outside Awliscombe Primary School. PC Mingo advised that this was the remit of EDDC's traffic enforcement officers.

Cllr Cloke queried speeding issues at Millhead Road/Sidmouth Road late evening. PC Mingo requested that car registrations be provided.

Cllr Hulin highlighted speeding issues on the A373.

PC Mingo confirmed that he would look at a speed watch operation but that the emphasis is on education of drivers.

Cllr Bonetta confirmed that he would be contacting PC Mingo regarding the proposed Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr Munge highlighted noise issues in the High Street and parking issues at the New Street junction with High Street. PC Mingo reiterated that this would be the remit of the EDDC traffic enforcement officer. He also confirmed that the area around the old TIC building was an ABSO hotspot.

21/344 Reports and Recommendations from Working Groups

a) Christmas Lights Working Group

Members NOTED the Report and RESOLVED unanimously to approve the amended Christmas Lights Working Group Terms of Reference.

Proposed by Cllr Bonetta and seconded by Cllr Cloke.

b) Queen's Jubilee Working Group

Members NOTED the report and RESOLVED unanimously to:

- 1. to approve the Terms of Reference for the Queen's Jubilee Working Group, including the updated members' list.**
- 2. to allocate a sum of money from the 2022/23 revenue budget (including from which headings), and £1000 from the 2021/22 Working Groups Fund (Council resolution 21/282), towards the Queen's Jubilee celebration events.**
- 3. to apply for a road closure on the High Street (Silver Street - Dowell Street) and New Street (High Street - King Street) from 6am Saturday 4th June to 6am Monday 6th June.**

4. to delegate authority to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk (in consultation with the Queen's Jubilee Working Group) to apply for all relevant licenses and notices needed for the events planned between Thursday 2nd and Sunday 5th June.
5. to approve in principle the plans for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations as detailed in the report, and delegate authority to the Queen's Jubilee Working Group to organise the events and coinciding plans.

Proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Keene.

c) Allotments Working Group

Members NOTED the report and RESOLVED unanimously to:

1. That HTC continue with the application to vary the existing planning grant 18/
Proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Keene.
2. That a planning application be submitted for permission to erect structures on the allotments plots with delegated authority provided to the Deputy Clerk to prepare the application in consultation with the Allotments Working Group.

Proposed by Cllr Bonetta and seconded by Cllr Cloke.

21/345 Resignation

Members **NOTED** the resignation of Cllr Fiona Hanratty who was thanked for her work whilst on the Council.

- 21/346 Social Media: Delegation to the Climate Change Working Group**
Members RESOLVED to appoint a social media specialist to work with the Climate Change Working Group to prepare and publish communications that promote the proposed Yes 1 Event 2 April 2022.
Proposed by Cllr Munge and seconded by Cllr Keene.

- 21/347 East Devon District Council (EDDC) Standards Committee Vacancy**
Cllr Sexton confirmed that EDDC will accept more than 1 nomination and welcomed the opportunity for more than 1 Councillor to be co-opted.
Members RESOLVED unanimously to accept the amendment proposed.
Proposed by Cllr Sexton and seconded by Cllr Keene.
Members RESOLVED unanimously to recommend by 18th February 2022 Town Councillors to be co-opted Members for the Standards Committee.
Proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Bonetta.

21/348 Welcome Back Fund

The Deputy Clerk advised as follows:

- 5 benches, 1 bin, and 1 planter have been ordered by EDDC. The Deputy Clerk is sourcing the information board.
- The Deputy Clerk has met with Tim Mann to discuss artwork and what information to have on the board.
- The Deputy Clerk has suggested to EDDC that the new board replace the existing (out of date) board at Lace Walk.
Actions outstanding:
 - Provide DCC with a map showing the locations of the benches, bin and planter.

21/349 Gift of Oak Tree from East Devon District Council (EDDC)
Members RESOLVED unanimously to delegate to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group to a) accept the gift and b) select a public accessible place to plant.

Proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Keene

21/350 Honiton Litter Pickers

The Town Clerk confirmed that this would be for a 3 month trial period and if successful could become permanent.

Members RESOLVED unanimously that Honiton Litter Pickers become volunteers acting for the Council under the direction and supervision of the litter pickers and with Council insurance.

Proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Keene.

21/351 Storage Containers

Cllr Cloke proposed that any valuable items be moved into one container. Cllr Keene confirmed that the items to be stored by TRIP relate to the Rudolph appeal.

Cllr Munge suggested that racking be installed to maximise storage capacity.

Honiton Litter Pickers have requested access 24/7.

The Town Clerk advised that currently there was sufficient space for the storage required but that he would look into installing racking.

Members **NOTED** the item.

21/352 Accounts
Members RESOLVED unanimously to approve the schedule of payments.

Proposed by Cllr Bonetta and seconded by Cllr Cloke.

- 21/353 Exempt Business**
Members RESOLVED unanimously to take the following items into Exempt Business
Proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Bonetta.
- 21/354 Support to Street Market**
The Town Clerk provided an update.
Members NOTED the item.
- 21/355 Honiton Community Complex (HCC)**
Members discussed the item and made various Resolutions.
- 21/356 Employment Tribunal (case 1885/2021)**
Members **NOTED** the update provided.
- 21/357 To close the meeting**
The meeting closed at 20.50pm.