

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 29th April 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Ted Nicholl – Chairman

Councillors:

Mike Arnold
Scott Cameron
Stephen Dabbs
Dawn Branigan
Alan Knape
Janet Matthews
Malcolm Ogle
Phillip Silk-Neilsen
Glenda Simmonds
Wendy Randall
Lynne Taylor
Katie Thurston
Karen Tweedale

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer (CO)
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
2 Members of the public
0 Member of the press

OPEN FORUM.

A resident of the Grange Estate advised that he was in attendance to present a proposal to the council for the introduction of an outdoor community gym on an area of land at the top of Derwent Close, Grange, Daventry. He highlighted that the area identified was a formerly a play area with a basketball hoop, that was no longer in situ. He reminded members that staying physically active was essential to promote good health and well-being and that this area could be used to provide accessible exercise equipment. The resident advised that he had conducted some initial research on costs and estimated such a project could cost less than £30,000.

The resident advised that he had discussed the proposal with Chris Heaton-Harris the Member of Parliament for Daventry who and confirmed his interest in the project and would attend an onsite meeting mid-May.

The Chair thanked the resident for presenting his proposal to council and asked the Chief Officer to liaise with the resident and refer the proposal to the Finance & Policy Committee for further consideration.

TC2404.1 APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Lynn Jones	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Holly Steenson	None Received	Apologies Not Approved

TC2404.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

TC2404.3 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 25 th March 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2404.4 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Councillor	Ward	Apologies	Report
David James	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Peter Matten	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Colin Morgan	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Terry Gilford	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Lauryn Harrington-Carter	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Wendy Randall	Daventry West	In attendance as DTC member	
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	Received	None Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

TC2404.5 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

RESOLVED:	That the reports of (i) Planning & Development Committee – 17 th April 2024 (ii) Museum Committee – 22 nd April 2024 Be received.
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TC2404.6 DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING SCHEDULE 2024/25.

Members reviewed the schedule of meetings for Town Council year 2024/25.

RESOLVED:	That the schedule of meetings for Town Council year 2024/25 be approved (Appendix 3).
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TC2404.7 HIGHWAY REGULATIONS – WELTON LANE.

Members considered the report from Cllr Knappe which highlighted traffic related issues raised by residents on Welton Lane. Cllr Knappe highlighted that West Northamptonshire Highways had confirmed that they would cut back vegetation and install signage warning motorists of pedestrians at regular crossing points used on Welton Lane, but that they would not be reducing the speed limit of the road which should remain at 40mph. Cllr Knappe advised members of the availability of a grant from the OPFCC to purchase mobile speed signs which could be used in this area and others within the town, and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council submit an application to the Office of the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC) Road Safety Community Fund for the purchase of a mobile speed sign to be used in areas that were prone to speeding motorists.
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TC2404.8 D-DAY COMMEMORATION

- (i) **STANDING WITH GIANTS.** Members considered the report from the Development and Liaison Officer on the opportunity for Daventry to dedicate a plaque to a Daventry serviceman Albert Louis Andrews an RAF flying Officer killed in action in France on 6th

June 1994 (D-Day), as part of a poignant display in Normandy featuring 1475 silhouettes representing the number of servicemen who died on D-Day.

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council authorises the purchase of a tribute plaque to Albert Louis Andrews as part of The British Normandy Memorial's 'Standing with Giants installation' at the cost of £150.00.
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- (ii) **ARMED FORCES COVENANT.** The Chief Officer advised that there was an opportunity as part of the activities commemorating D-Day for the Town Council to reaffirm support for the Armed Forces community by resigning the Armed Forces Covenant.

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council resign the Armed Forces covenant to reaffirm support for the Armed Forces community and organise an event to celebrate the signing of the covenant.
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TC2404.9 DAVENTRY HERITAGE TRAIL

Members referred to the report in relation to the Daventry heritage trail information boards and heritage plaques project.

Members questioned the size and need for multiple information boards containing the same information and concurred that four boards would be too many and the size and design should be incorporated in the Daventry Town Masterplan, to ensure that its introduction would complement the revised street scenes and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council defer the decision on the installation of one information board until such time it is incorporated with the Town Vision to complement the revised street scene.
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Members further considered the request for the Town Council to accept responsibility for the care and maintenance of engraved lettering into the paved area outside of Windsor Lodge, due to the Local Planning Authority refusing approval for a blue plaque on this building, and it was

RESOLVED:	That, without further detail on the type of engraving and details of its care and maintenance, the Town Council does not accept responsibility for the pavement engraving recognising the history of Windsor Lodge.
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TC2404.10 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

- (i) **COMMUNITY POLICING.** The Sponsored PCSO spoke to her report, highlighting the various engagement activities that she had undertaken through the month of April; a monthly surgery, community litter pick, crime prevention talks for a local community group, Services Day on the Southbrook estate, and the OP UNITE event.

PCSO Teagle further advised that their focus for the month of May would be on the use of e-scooters, and police would be working with West Northamptonshire Council to provide an education programme to present to schools to highlight the current legislation surrounding the use of e-scooters which is often not provided when they are purchased.

- (ii) **COMMUNITY SAFETY.** Members noted the report from the Community Ranger.
- (iii) **CCTV.** Members noted that the report on analysis trends relating to community safety was not available.

TC2404.11 CONSULTATIONS.

- (i) **West Northamptonshire Council Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.**

Members noted the West Northamptonshire Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and agreed to respond on an individual basis.

- (ii) **West Northamptonshire Council Draft Local Plan.**

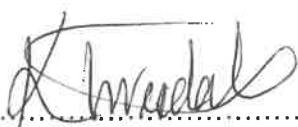
Members considered the consultation on the West Northamptonshire Council Draft Local Plan, and agreed to submit comments to the Chief Officer for a draft submission to be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) Members noted the request to consider development of the mini-skate park at Wimborne Place Park and requested that the Chief Officer invite the resident to a meeting to discuss further.
- (ii) Members noted the request to review the West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to extend requirements for dogs on leads to the whole of Daventry Country Park and requested that an item be included for members to consider this at its meeting in June 2024.

TC2404.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Monday 20th May 2024.

The meeting closed at 19:47 hours.

SIGNED..........DATED..... 20/5/24