

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 28th October 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Karen Tweedale – Chairman

Councillors:

Ian Adkins
Mike Arnold
Dawn Branigan
Stephen Dabbs
Lynn Jones
Alan Knap
Janet Matthews
Malcolm Ogle
Wendy Randall
Phillip Silk-Neilsen
Glenda Simmonds
Lynne Taylor
Katie Thurston

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell - Chief Officer (CO)
0 Members of the Public
0 Members of the Press

OPEN FORUM.

None.

TC2411.1. PRESENTATION ON PLANS TO DEVELOP 1 HIGH STREET/2 NEW STREET, DAVENTRY.

A representative/independent planning consultant for the owner of 1 High Street/2 New Street, Daventry gave a short presentation on proposals for the redevelopment of the aforementioned property.

He advised that the owner was aware of public speculation in relation to the building and was hoping that by presenting initial proposals to the Town Council it would dispel the myths and formally advise that it was the owner's intention to bring the building back into good repair and use, but were advised this was work in progress and more work was to be done to ensure the financial viability of the project before it went to the pre-application stage in the New Year.

Members thanked both the representative and the owner for attending the meeting and advising of their plans, prior to the formal planning application and agreed their proposals would be welcomed by the community.

TC2411.2. APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Scott Cameron	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

TC2411.3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

TC2411.4. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 30 th September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2411.5. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Members referred to the West Northamptonshire Councillor report, submitted by WNC Councillor Rosie Humphreys and noted one third of people not using food waste caddies and agreed the use of food waste caddies should be more widely promoted.

Cllr Dabbs also expressed his disappointment at the lack of engagement and connection with their ward communities, by the majority of WNC Councillors representing Daventry, especially in relation to their non-attendance to represent the Town and its views at the West Northamptonshire Planning Committee. Although he attended the WNC Planning meeting to voice the Town Council’s objections to planning application 2024/1333/FULL, the WNC ward member who called it in, did not attend.

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	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	Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

TC2411.6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Planning & Development Committee – 2nd October 2024 (ii) Finance, Policy & Assets Committee – 14th October 2024 (iii) Planning & Development Committee – 23rd October 2024 <p>Be received and the following recommendations considered for approval:</p> <p>Finance & Policy Committee – 9th September 2024</p> <p>FP2410.05 POLICIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Risk Management Scheme, as amended be approved. (ii) To be considered in Agenda item FP24.10.5 <p>FP2410.08 PLAY AREA – THE HOLLOW</p> <p>That the Council approve a budget of up to £500k for a project to create an adventure play area for all age groups and monies to be sourced via a public works loan, if required.</p>
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TC2411.7. SEXUAL AND GENERAL HARASSMENT POLICY.

The Chief Officer referred members to the report and draft Sexual and General Harassment policy, previously circulated, and recommendation from Finance & Policy Committee to approve the policy and procedure, in principle, following consultation and support from the majority of employees.

The Chief Officer also highlighted the requirement for employers to provide training for staff in relation to sexual and general harassment and authorise the drawdown of £300 from earmarked reserves to purchase annual training for staff, members and volunteers.

RESOLVED:	That authorisation be given for the drawdown of £300 from training earmarked funds to purchases online sexual and general harassment training.
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TC2411.8. PEDESTRIAN LINK FROM/TO DAVENTRY TO STAVERTON.

Members referred to the request from Staverton Parish Council to work in partnership and liaise with West Northamptonshire Council to use S106 monies to construct a crossing to connect the South side of the A425 with the North Side of the A425 to facilitate a safe pedestrian and cycle route to/from Daventry to Staverton.

Members considered the request and although understanding of the need, they agreed more detail was needed to enable the Town Council to take this forward, and it was

RESOLVED:	That a representative from Staverton Parish Council attend a meeting of the Daventry Town Council Planning and Development Committee to discuss the issue in more detail and availability of funding, should the crossing be identified as a need for better connectivity.
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TC2411.9. LAND TRANSFER.

Members referred to the report advising that due to an administrative error land that had been purchased by a resident from Daventry District Council had erroneously been transferred to Daventry Town Council as part of the large-scale land transfer agreement in June 2021 and a request had been received for this land to be transferred to the purchaser of the land.

RESOLVED:	That the Council agree to the transfer of land NN375719, and Cllr Karen Tweedale and Cllr Lynne Taylor be appointed to sign the land transfer document TP1 ref NN375719 in the presence of the Chief Officer.
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TC2411.10. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Members referred to the report from the Chief Officer and asked why the issues being experienced by the children and young people were not being addressed by the relevant authorities within the principal council. The Chief Officer advised that the matter was being discussed widely but funding for immediate intervention wasn't available, hence the request as the Town Council had the ability and willingness to act swiftly to assist and work with partners to resolve.

RESOLVED:	Authorisation be given to use unspent funds, up to £3k, within the youth provision budget to secure youth engagement/intervention services to engage with children and young people in need of support and guidance to reduce offending, re-offending and anti-social behaviour.
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(ii) COMMUNITY RANGER.

Members referred to the report from Community Ranger and asked she be advised of their appreciation for her work within the community.

(iii) CCTV.

Statistics submitted by CCTV were noted.

TC2411.11. CONSULTATIONS.

None received.

TC2411.12. STAFF MATTERS.

The Chairman, Cllr Karen Tweedale, read out a resignation letter from the Chief Officer and advised the Personnel Panel would start the recruitment process, with support and guidance from the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

Members thanked the Chief Officer for her service to the Council and the community.

TC2411.13. CORRESPONDENCE.

None received.

TC2411.14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. To note the date of next Town Council meeting as Monday 25th November 2024.

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