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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Town Council
held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.15pm at the Town Council Office**

**Present: Cllr Draycott (Chairman), Cllr Baden, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Carter,
Cllr Charles, Cllr Cribb, Cllr Otterwell, Cllr Read, Cllr Strode-Willis, Cllr Wheeler,
Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Winter**

In attendance: Linda Marshall (Clerk)

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Apologies for Absence District Cllr Wendy Brackenbury had tendered her apologies which were accepted.		
2.	Declaration of Interest Cllr Wilcox, Agenda Item 14. His daughter attends Step 'n' Grooves.		
3.	Public Open Time None.		
4.	To approve the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 10th September 2019 Resolved that the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 10 th September 2019 be confirmed as a true record.		
5.	To approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Full Town Council dated 23rd September 2019 Resolved that the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Full Town Council dated 23 rd September 2019 be confirmed as a true record.		
6.	To receive a report (if available) from the last JAG meeting; to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at a future meeting Report taken as read. It was noted that information about the skate park hadn't yet been passed to the new PC James Allen. Cllr Bennett will forward the information on to Cllr Charles who will then liaise with PC James Allen.	Skate park information to be forwarded	Cllr Bennett

7.	<p>To receive a report (if available) from attendance at the Police & Crime Commissioner's Surgery; to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at a future meeting</p> <p>Report taken as read. Regarding the Skate Park and our concerns raised, Dennis Murry, the Operations Superintendent for North Northamptonshire will meet separately with Cllr Boyd and other Councillor(s) to discuss further. Cllr Bennett volunteered to attend that meeting.</p>	Meeting to discuss skatepark to be arranged	Cllr Boyd/ Cllr Bennett
8.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning & Asset Management Committee</p> <p>Cllr Otterwell briefed the meeting on key points arising from the recent Planning & Asset Management Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
9.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Finance & Devolution Committee</p> <p>Cllr Strobe-Willis briefed the meeting on key points arising from the recent Finance & Devolution Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
10.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Events & Community Engagement Committee</p> <p>Cllr Cribb briefed the meeting on key points arising from recent Events & Community Engagement Committee meetings relating specifically to the Christmas Festival. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
11.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Personnel Committee</p> <p>Cllr Boyd briefed the meeting on key points arising from a recent Personnel Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving an account of these meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
12.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Library Committee</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler briefed the meeting that solicitors have now been instructed. A library meeting is being held tomorrow.</p>		
13.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Peace Park Working Party</p> <p>Cllr Draycott briefed the meeting on key points arising from recent Peace Park Working Party meetings. To be noted that any recommendations from this Working Party will be made to Full Council. The next meeting of the Working Party is tomorrow night.</p>		
14.	<p>To receive a grant application from Step 'n' Grooves Dance School and determine if to award a grant</p> <p>Following consideration of the grant application in conjunction with the eligibility criteria set down in the Council's Policy, it was resolved not to award a grant to Step 'n' Grooves Dance School.</p>		
15.	<p>To receive a grant application from Thrapston Charter Fair and determine if to award a grant</p> <p>It was noted that the accounts had not been submitted with the application, as requested in the Policy. The Clerk has requested them. To be carried forward.</p>	Agenda 12/11/2019	
16.	<p>To receive a grant application from Thrapston Dreamers and determine if to award a grant</p>		

	It was noted that the accounts had not been submitted with the application, as requested in the Policy. The Clerk has requested them. To be carried forward.	Agenda 12/11/2019	
17.	<p>To receive a report on Wildflower Verges and determine whether to pursue this further and, if so, to identify areas to be trialled</p> <p>It was noted that the quote from our groundsman is £350 per 100m². Discussions took place as to whether to take this project forward and possible locations were discussed. It was noted that permission would need to be sought from the County Council as they still own the verges. It was suggested that an area in the Peace Park could be used in conjunction with the Peace Park project and that the school children could be involved in planting. It was also suggested that the town's entrances could be trialled. It was agreed to consider possible locations and bring it back to the next meeting.</p>	Carry Forward 12/11/2019	Clerk
18.	<p>To receive and consider proposals for the new Mayor's Chain of Office and agree action</p> <p>Various images with quotes were put before the Council for consideration. Following perusal and discussion it was resolved to proceed with Option B190823-09 at a cost of £3,598 for a 40-link chain and £1,600 for the pendant with the monies to be included in the budget for the 2020/21 financial year. It was agreed to request images for a complimentary Deputy Mayor's chain now that a decision had been made on the Mayor's chain.</p>	Include cost of chain in 2020/21 budget	Clerk
19.	<p>To discuss Plastic Free Thrapston and agree a representative for their Steering Group and determine how the Council can support the Group</p> <p>Following last month's meeting it was agreed that this should form part of each FTC agenda for consideration each month. It was noted that the planting of trees is a hot topic in the media, so maybe we should focus on this. It was suggested that the school pupils could encourage their parents not to drive to school or, if they do, to turn their engines off whilst waiting. Commercial waste was discussed and the inability through East Northamptonshire Council to recycle. It was noted that other providers, such as Biffa, could offer a recycling collection service. To be pursued further.</p> <p>Nominations were received for a representative of the Council to join the Steering Group. It was resolved that Cllr Wilcox be the Council's representative.</p>		
20.	<p>To receive a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that with effect from the new financial year the office opening hours are extended from 9am to 2pm</p> <p>Resolved that the office opening hours be extended with effect from the new financial year.</p>		
21.	<p>To review and update the Council's Strategic Plan and agree action</p> <p>The Strategic Plan was discussed and it was agreed that it would be broken down and discussed in sections at Full Council meetings. The short-term objectives were reviewed with amendments made. The document will be updated ready for further review at the next meeting.</p>	Update and Agenda 12/11/19	Clerk
22.	<p>District Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Carter had nothing to report.</p> <p>Cllr Brackenbury had sent in a short report advising that she still awaits bus passenger numbers as previously requested. However, we have been notified about the new Diamond</p>		

	Coaches 266 service replacing the Centrebus 16 and she hopes to have information regarding the 8 and 18 buses soon.		
23.	Clerk's report (for noting) The Clerk had nothing to report.		
24.	Chairman's comments The Chairman advised that to date £1,010 has been raised for Northampton & District Mind from the Sponsored Silence and Civic Service. The Chairman voiced the idea of having a meal for councillors/staff/partners towards the end of the mayoral year, each person paying their own cost, but to be a social event. The idea was well received and a Saturday would be a preferred evening. Date to be fixed.		
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40		

Signed

Dated