

**Minutes of a meeting of the full Town Council held at the Town Hall, High Street,
Chippenham on Wednesday 19 January 2011 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs SE Oakes (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs DB Allen, TC Bate, MC Coates, WJ Douglas,
Mrs SA Gibson, Mrs EA Kennedy, Mrs MF Lloyd, ACG Noblet,
MAC Packard, BS Patterson, JA Phillips, Mrs NM Phillips, Mrs M Pile,
DLB Powell, RHP Purdon, JR Scragg, Mrs ME Stickland, Ms S Veitch,
and Mrs JM Wood.

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Mrs S Wilthew (Clerk & Chief Executive)
Mr CNA Williams (Head of Support Services)
Mrs SL Moreton (PA)

PUBLIC

PRESENT: Sgt Allan George, PCSO Barbara Young, PCSO Alistair Duncan

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors PR Darby,
Mrs MM Fallon, R Jones and WA Wood

48. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest as defined by the Code of Conduct in the current
approved Standing Orders was received.

49. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no written or verbal questions from any member of the public.

50. CHIPPENHAM POLICE

Sgt Allan George reported that the local police are following the initiative of
the Gloucestershire Model of Neighbouring Policing with the emphasis on
Night Time Economy and anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in an 18%
reduction in violent crime and 10% reduction in crime overall in Chippenham.
It is hoped that the team of PCSOs will increase, while the force is continuing
to recruit Special Officers and currently has two volunteers. The force
continues to engage in partnership working and future discussions will include
the possibility of increased hours and additional manning support for the
CCTV office.

Following discussion it was agreed that Sgt George would present the next
Council meeting with the same report as provided to the Area Board. Prior to
the next meeting any questions from Members for the Police to be submitted to
the Clerk & Chief Executive.

51. In accordance with Standing Order 33, Section p, **it was agreed** that SO 43 would be suspended for the meeting so that members and officers could remain seated whilst speaking to enable easier use of the microphone system.

52. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2010 **were approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

54. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Town Mayor thanked all Members for their presence and support on Remembrance Sunday.
- (ii) The Town Mayor reminded all Members that St Paul's Patronal will be held on Sunday 30 January.
- (iii) The Town Mayor reminded all Members that the Spring Charity Ball will be held on Saturday 5 March and tickets are on sale from Monday 24 January.
- (iv) The Town Mayor reminded all Members that WALC are holding a seminar on Councillor Training on Saturday 12 March and all interested Members should contact the Clerk & Chief Executive to reserve a place. Members to note that Attendance would be approved duty

55. COMMITTEE MINUTES

a. Strategy and Resources Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2010 having been proposed and duly seconded

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be received and as far as necessary adopted subject to the outstanding Recommendation in Minute 85(vi)/10

b. Amenities Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 January 2011 having been proposed and duly seconded

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be received and as far as necessary adopted.

c. Planning and Environment Committee

The Minutes of the following meetings were proposed and duly seconded:-

- Thursday 09 December 2010
- Thursday 06 January 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be received and as far as necessary adopted.

56. PROPOSED BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2011/2012

Further to an in-depth discussion the Recommended item in Minute 85(vi)/10 of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 15 December 2010 was proposed and duly seconded that the net overall budget for 2011/12 be approved in the sum of £1,659,892.

It was moved and seconded to amend the motion so that the increase in Members allowance be phased over two financial years reducing the overall increase in net budget for 2011/12.

The amendment was defeated.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The net overall budget for 2011/12 be approved in the sum of £1,659,892.
- (ii) A Precept for 2011/12 be levied on Wiltshire Council in the sum of £1,659,892.

57. VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS' CHIPPENHAM CHARITIES

On noting the resignation of Councillor Mrs JM Wood from the above

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs M Lloyd be nominated as the sole official representative to serve for a period of 4 years from 2011.

58. STRATEGIC PLAN: INTERIM FRAMEWORK

Councillor ACG Noblet thanked the Clerk & Chief Executive and contributing staff for the excellent report received (copy in Minute Book).

RESOLVED that

The draft Strategic Plan be considered at Performance Review Sub-Committee, together with proposals from Councillor JA Phillips. Revised drafts to be referred back to Full Council from Strategy and Resources Committee for consideration and final adoption.

59. REGIMENTAL FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

On receiving a report by the Clerk & Chief Executive (copy in Minute Book) and further to in-depth discussion

RESOLVED that

- (i) A special meeting of Full Council be convened to formally ratify granting the Freedom of the Town to the First Rifles.
- (ii) A special meeting of Full Council be convened to formally ratify granting the Freedom of the Town to the Ninth Regiment Royal Logistics Corps with a view to working towards a home-coming march in November.
- (iii) The Clerk & Chief Executive to investigate whether full robes to be worn at the special meeting.

60. ROYAL WEDDING

On receiving a report by the Clerk & Chief Executive (copy in Minute Book) and further to discussion

RESOLVED that

- (i) The Town Council to arrange a community event to mark the celebrations.
- (ii) Responsibility for arranging community event be delegated to Clerk & Chief Executive due to time constraints.
- (iii) Local schools be approached for children to prepare a congratulatory card for the wedding couple.

PRESS RELEASE

61. **RESOLVED** that a formal Press Release be issued stating the Town Council's intention to grant the Freedom of the Town to First Rifles and Ninth Regiment RLC, and the forthcoming community event to mark the Royal Wedding.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.